



## 4 men arrested in connection with violent Virginia rally

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CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. (AP) — Four members of a militant white supremacist group from California were arrested on charges they traveled to Virginia last year to incite a riot and attack counterprotesters at a white nationalist rally that turned deadly, federal authorities said Tuesday. The defendants — Benjamin Drake Daley, Michael Paul Miselis, Thomas Walter Gillen and Cole Evan White — are part of the Rise Above Movement, which espouses anti-Semitic views and meets regularly in public parks to train in boxing and other fighting techniques, according to an affidavit written by an FBI agent.



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U.S. Attorney Thomas Cullen speaks during a news conference Tuesday, Oct. 2, 2018, in Charlottesville, Va., regarding the arrest of four members of a militant white supremacist group in connection with a white nationalist torch-lit march and rally in Charlottesville, last year.

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# APNewsBreak: Trump's EPA moving to loosen radiation limits

By ELLEN KNICKMEYER

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The Trump administration is quietly moving to weaken U.S. radiation regulations, turning to scientific outliers who argue that a bit of radiation damage is actually good for you — like a little bit of sunlight.

The government's current, decades-old guidance says that any exposure to harmful radiation is a cancer risk. And critics say the proposed change could lead to higher levels of exposure for workers at nuclear installations and oil and gas drilling sites, medical workers doing X-rays and CT scans, people living next to Superfund sites and any members of the public who one day might find themselves exposed to a radiation release.

The Trump administration already has targeted a range of other regulations on toxins and pollutants, including coal power plant emissions and car exhaust, that it sees as costly and burdensome for businesses. Supporters of the EPA's new proposal argue the



In this Jan. 9, 2013, file photo, a CT scan technician prepares for a patient at the Silver Cross Emergency Care Center in Homer Glen, Ill.

government's current no-tolerance rule for radiation damage forces unnecessary spending for handling exposure in accidents, at nuclear plants, in medical centers and at other sites.

"This would have a positive effect on human health as well as save billions and billions of dollars," said Edward Calabrese, a

toxicologist at the University of Massachusetts who is to be the lead witness at a congressional hearing Wednesday on EPA's proposal.

Calabrese, who made those remarks in a 2016 interview with a California nonprofit, was quoted by EPA in its announcement of the proposed rule in April. He declined repeated requests for an interview with The Associated Press. The EPA declined to make an official with its radiation-protection program available.

The regulation change is now out for public comment, with no specific date for adoption.

Radiation is everywhere, from potassium in bananas to the microwaves popping our popcorn. Most of it is benign. But what's of concern is the higher-energy, shorter-wave radiation, like X-rays, that can penetrate and disrupt living cells, sometimes causing cancer. As recently as this March, the EPA's online guidelines for radiation effects advised: "Current science suggests there is some cancer risk from any exposure to radiation."

"Even exposures below 100 millisieverts" — an amount roughly equivalent to 25 chest X-rays or about 14 CT chest scans — "slightly increase the risk of getting cancer in the future," the

agency's guidance said.

But that online guidance — separate from the rule-change proposal — was edited in July to add a section emphasizing the low individual odds of cancer: "According to radiation safety experts, radiation exposures of ...100 millisieverts usually result in no harmful health effects, because radiation below these levels is a minor contributor to our overall cancer risk," the revised policy says.

Calabrese and his supporters argue that smaller exposures of cell-damaging radiation and other carcinogens can serve as stressors that activate the body's repair mechanisms and can make people healthier. They compare it to physical exercise or sunlight.

Mainstream scientific consensus on radiation is based on deceptive science, says Calabrese, who argued in a 2014 essay for "righting the past deceptions and correcting the ongoing errors in environmental regulation."

EPA spokesman John Konkus said in an email that the proposed rule change is about "increasing transparency on assumptions" about how the body responds to different doses of dangerous substances and that the agency "acknowledges uncertainty regarding health effects at low doses" and supports more

research on that.

The radiation regulation is supported by Steven Milloy, a Trump transition team member for the EPA who is known for challenging widely accepted ideas about manmade climate change and the health risks of tobacco. He has been promoting Calabrese's theory of healthy radiation on his blog.

But Jan Beyea, a physicist whose work includes research with the National Academies of Science on the 2011 Fukushima nuclear power plant accident, said the EPA proposal on radiation and other health threats represents voices "generally dismissed by the great bulk of scientists."

The EPA proposal would lead to "increases in chemical and radiation exposures in the workplace, home and outdoor environment, including the vicinity of Superfund sites," Beyea wrote. At the level the EPA website talks about, any one person's risk of cancer from radiation exposure is perhaps 1 percent, Beyea said.

"The individual risk will likely be low, but not the cumulative social risk," Beyea said. "If they even look at that — no, no, no," said Terrie Barrie, a resident of Craig, Colorado, and an advocate for her husband and other workers at the now-closed Rocky Flats nuclear-weapons plant, where the U.S. government is compensating certain cancer victims regardless of their history of exposure.

"There's no reason not to protect people as much as possible," said Barrie.

U.S. agencies for decades have followed a policy that there is no threshold of radiation exposure that is risk-free.

The National Council on Radiation Protection and Measurements reaffirmed that principle this year after a review of 29 public health studies on cancer rates among people exposed to low-dose radiation, via the U.S. atomic bombing of Japan in World War II, leak-prone Soviet nuclear installations, medical treatments and other sources. □

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The affidavit alleges the four were "among the most violent individuals present in Charlottesville" in August 2017 during a torchlit march on the University of Virginia campus and a larger rally in downtown the following day. It says photos and video footage shows they attacked counterprotesters, "which in some cases resulted in serious injuries."

The men have also taken part in "acts of violence" at political rallies in Huntington Beach and Berkeley, California, and other places, the affidavit alleges.

"This is a group that essentially subscribes to an anti-Semitic, racist ideology, and then organizes, trains, and deploys to various political rallies, not only to espouse this particular ideology but also to engage in acts of violence against folks who are taking a contrary point of view," U.S. Attorney Thomas Cullen said at a news conference in Charlottesville held to announce the charges.

All four men were arrested early Tuesday morning, Cullen said. Three of them — Daley and Gillen, of Redondo Beach, and Miselis, of Lawndale — were expected to make initial court appearances later Tuesday, while White, of Clayton, was due in court Wednesday, he said.

It wasn't clear if the men had attorneys who could comment on their behalf, and attempts to reach their relatives were not immediately successful.

Cullen said each defendant faces up to 10 years in prison if convicted on the two counts they each face: traveling to incite riots and conspiracy to riot. However, defendants often get less than the maximum under federal sentencing guidelines.

The arrests come more than a year after hundreds of white nationalists descended on Charlottesville in part to protest the planned removal of a statue of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee.

Clashes erupted Aug. 11, 2017, as a crowd of white nationalists marching through the University of

Virginia campus carrying torches and chanting racist slogans encountered a small group of counterprotesters.

The following day, more violence broke out between counterprotesters and attendees of the "Unite the Right" rally, which was believed to be the largest gathering of white nationalists in at least a decade. Street fighting exploded before the scheduled event could begin and went on for nearly an hour in view of police until authorities forced the crowd to disperse.

Cullen said investigators sifted through "an incredible volume" of video and still photographs to review the movements of the four men and determine whether they could claim they were only defending themselves after being attacked by others at the rally. He said prosecutors believe there was "no provocation" for them to engage in violence that day.

The four, he said, went to the rally with their hands taped, "ready to do street battle."

Then they engaged in punching, kicking, head-butting and pushing, assaulting an African-American man, two women and a minister who was wearing a clerical collar, Cullen said.

"In our view, these four committed particularly violent acts in Charlottesville. Secondly, they committed violent acts in California at other rallies. Therefore, in our view, they were essentially serial rioters," Cullen said.

According to The Anti-Defamation League, Rise Above Movement members believe they are fighting against a "modern world" corrupted by the "destructive cultural influences" of liberals, Jews, Muslims and non-white immigrants. Members refer to themselves as the mixed martial arts club of the "alt-right" fringe movement, a loose mix of neo-Nazis, white nationalists and other far-right extremists.

"They very much operate like a street-fighting club," said Oren Segal, director of the ADL's Center on Extremism.

The group has roots in the racist skinhead movement in southern California, Segal said.

Daley figures "prominently" in the organization, according to the affidavit, which also cites news organization ProPublica's efforts to identify Rise Above Movement members involved in the violence by reviewing video footage of the clashes. The news outlet reported in July that the group was founded in early 2017 and had a relatively modest core membership of 15 to 20 young men.

ProPublica and Frontline also reported in July that Miselis was a member of RAM, worked as an aerospace engineer at defense contractor Northrop Grumman's facility in Redondo Beach and held a government-issued security clearance. A company spokesman later said Miselis was



In this Aug. 11, 2017, file photo, multiple white nationalist groups march with torches through the University of Virginia campus in Charlottesville, Va.

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no longer employed by the company but didn't say whether Miselis was fired or resigned.

After authorities forced the rally to disband Aug. 12, a woman was killed when a car that prosecutors say was driven by a man fascinated by Adolf Hitler plowed into a crowd of

peaceful counterprotesters.

The suspected driver, 21-year-old James Fields Jr., of Maumee, Ohio, has been charged with federal hate crimes in the death of Heather Heyer, 32. Fields also faces state murder charges; his trial is scheduled to begin Nov. 26. □



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# Social Security, Medicare oversight posts vacant for 3 years

By **RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Key posts overseeing the financial health of Social Security and Medicare have been vacant for more than three years, leaving the programs without independent accountability in the face of dire predictions about approaching insolvency.

With Washington corroded by partisanship and consumed by political crises, gridlock has become the norm and hundreds of senior government jobs remain unfilled. For beneficiaries and taxpayers the lack of "public trustees" for Social Security and Medicare means a loss of outside supervision over bedrock middle-class programs.

Most Americans may not even realize there's a role in government for public trustees of Social Security and Medicare, but insiders say the special advisers help keep annual financial reports honest by acting as a check on the ever-present temptation for political appointees to tweak the numbers.

"The public really doesn't have a representative sitting at the table with the government officials, and I think that is concerning," said Kathleen Sebelius, who was Health and Human Services secretary under President Barack Obama. The public trustees — one Republican, one Democrat — are usually economists or retirement experts. They join four other trustees who are senior political appointees — the secretaries of the Treasury, Health and Human Services and Labor departments and the Social Security commissioner. Together they oversee annual financial reports and certify that the estimates are sound and unbiased.

Public trustees require Senate confirmation. Traditionally they are picked by the White House and the leadership of both parties, then nominated by the president. The White House has announced President Donald Trump's intention to nominate former So-



In this May 21, 2018, file photo, Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin talks with reporters about trade with China outside of the White House in Washington.

cial Security official James Lockhart to fill the Republican seat; Democrats say they're working with the administration on a Democratic candidate.

Trustees serve for four years, and their terms can be extended. Obama, toward the end of his administration, re-nominated the incumbent public trustees for a second term. But with 2016 elections approaching, the Senate didn't take a final vote and the posts have been vacant since.

"What this speaks to is the hyper-partisanship of everything in Washington," said Bruce Vladeck, a former Medicare chief who chairs the board of the Medicare Rights Center advocacy group. "The absence of public trustees is a reflection of the growing

indifference in Washington to actually operating the government."

This year's Social Security and Medicare report found both programs in deteriorating health. The insolvency date for Medicare's giant inpatient trust fund moved three years closer, to 2026. For Social Security, insolvency remained unchanged for 2034. But for the first time in 36 years, the cost of the retirement program was projected to exceed its annual income in 2018, meaning reserves will be tapped to pay benefits. Nonetheless Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin was upbeat: "The programs remain secure," said Mnuchin's statement at the time.

"The administration's economic agenda — tax cuts,

regulatory reform and improved trade agreements — will generate the long-term growth needed to help secure these programs and lead them to a more stable path," he added.

Mike Leavitt, health secretary under President George W. Bush, said the absence of public trustees is a symptom of deeper problems with old-age programs that Americans do not want to face.

"We have become desensitized," Leavitt said. Public trustees fulfill "a piercing and profound purpose" as "knowledgeable private citizens empowered with information to make a declaration to their fellow citizens," he added.

Several former public trustees said they were gen-

erally able to set aside ideological differences while working with career staff at Social Security and Medicare to validate long-range financial estimates.

Those estimates are built from moving parts such as economic growth, life expectancy, hospital costs, births, immigration, disability rates and the introduction of new drugs and technologies. Social Security and Medicare combined account for nearly 40 percent of the federal budget. Social Security has more than 60 million beneficiaries, and about 60 million people are covered by Medicare.

Economist Marilyn Moon, a Democratic public trustee under President Bill Clinton, said she was involved in "pushing back pretty hard on some political appointees who wanted to make a political statement."

Ultimately the only leverage public trustees have is to withhold their signatures from the final report.

Without public trustees, professionals at Social Security and Medicare are loath to make changes in assumptions underlying the financial estimates. That means those estimates can get out of date, said Rick Foster, Medicare's former chief actuary, or top number-cruncher.

"The process can get a little stale," he said.

Economist Robert Reischauer, the Democratic public trustee on the 2011-2015 reports, said, "The closer we get to the cliff with these two programs, the more critical these positions and the integrity of the process become."

Stephen Kellison, the Republican public trustee on the 1996-2000 reports, said Americans are being deprived of a valuable perspective on programs they cherish. "There's going to be a hard landing, and I don't have any confidence the way Congress works today that either party can solve the problem," Kellison said. "Could the public trustees be helpful? We probably need them now more than ever." □





In this Aug. 30, 2018 file photo, workers rally demanding changes to the way officials assign dangerous patients to wards at Western State Hospital in Lakewood, Wash.

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# APNewsBreak: Nurse attacked at Washington psychiatric ward

By MARTHA BELLISLE  
Associated Press

**SEATTLE (AP)** — A patient at Washington state's largest psychiatric hospital vaulted over a nurse's station last weekend, knocked a nurse to the floor, choked her and bit part of her ear off. The assault Sunday night was the latest in a series of attacks on health care workers at Western State Hospital. Hospital spokeswoman Kathy Spears told staff in an email obtained by The Associated Press about the attack. Willie Saw, a nursing supervisor, told AP that part of the nurse's ear lobe was bitten off by the patient. He said it will need to be re-attached with surgery. The attack by the 29-year-old male patient on the 63-year-old nurse was unprovoked, said Chris Lawler, spokesman for police in the Tacoma suburb of Lakewood, where the 850-bed hospital is located. Lawler did not identify the

patient or the nurse, said the patient remained at the hospital and that a police report about the attack was sent to prosecutors for consideration of a charge of felony assault. Saw said it was the patient's sixth assault on hospital staff since he was moved to the ward six months ago. The hospital has been plagued by problems for years and was repeatedly cited for health and safety violations, ranging from assaults on workers to escapes by violent patients — including a man sent to the hospital after he was found incompetent to stand trial on a murder charge for tying up a woman with electrical cords, stabbing her 24 times and slashing her throat. He was caught two days later, 300 miles (482 kilometers) away in Spokane. In late August, a patient with a history of violence followed a nurse out of a television room and

punched her in the face — knocking her to the ground, a police report said. Then he stomped on her head at least eight times, the report said. Tommy Lee Berlin, 19, was charged with assaulting the nurse and with trying to bite the officer who took him into custody. Berlin was sent back to Western State Hospital until his trial. Days after the assault involving Berlin, a different patient walked up to another nurse, hit her in the head and then stomped on her head with his feet, according to a nursing report obtained by AP. The violence prompted rallies by hospital staff who called for changes in the way dangerous patients are handled. Hospital staff said Berlin and other violent patients should be held in secure wards, instead of living among patients who are at the hospital for medical and therapeutic care. "The cycle of violence re-

peats itself," Paul Boros, a hospital counselor, said Tuesday. "Transferring these types of repeat violent patients from unit to unit does not solve anything. We have voiced our concerns to those in charge. Although willing to listen, little is being done to implement the change needed." Kelly Stowe, a spokeswoman for the state agency that oversees the hospital, said in an email Tuesday that the Department of Social and Health Services was "saddened by this assault of our staff member." Stowe said the patients at Western State have significant issues and "caring for patients with mental illness is noble and difficult due to the unpredictable behavior." Past federal inspections at the hospital have found a lack of qualified staff, worker fear of retaliation from managers and a focus on bureaucracy over staff safety. □



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# Ruling brings parole chance for those who killed as children

By SEAN MURPHY

Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) —

Dozens of prisoners serving no-parole sentences for killings they committed as juveniles are expected to get a chance for release, including the Oklahoma teenager convicted of shooting a college baseball player from Australia as he jogged down the street. Prosecutors likely can't meet the new legal threshold for the life-without-parole sentence given to Chancey Luna, who was 16 when he shot and killed Australian Chris Lane in 2013, District Attorney Jason Hicks told a state House panel on Tuesday.

Lawmakers in states across the country are grappling with how to resentence juveniles after the U.S. Supreme Court determined such sentences should be reserved only for the rarest cases.

As a result of the high court's decision, which came in 2012 but wasn't applied retroactively until 2016, prosecutors must now prove "irreparable corruption" and



In this Tuesday, June 12, 2018 photo, Leigh Ann Zaepfel, right, gestures as she answers a question during an interview at the Mabel Basset Correctional Center in McCloud, Okla. Looking on at left is Dana Barker. Both are serving life sentences without parole for crimes they committed as juveniles.

"permanent incorrigibility," a legal threshold Hicks said he doesn't believe he can meet in the Luna case.

Still, Hicks argued that some teen killers are so calculat-

ing and callous that they deserve to never have a chance at release. He cited the case of 14-year-old Alyssa Wiles, whose mother delivered emotion-

al testimony to lawmakers about how her daughter's 16-year-old boyfriend stabbed her to death in her bedroom.

"When a judge sentenced him to life without parole, we thought it was over," Angela Wiles said, choking back tears. "Now we have to worry about him getting out."

Oklahoma has at least 41 criminal defendants serving no-parole sentences for crimes committed when they were 17 or younger, and those cases are in various stages of appeal. Some prosecutors already have agreed to a life sentence for offenders in some cases, which in Oklahoma equates to a chance for parole after 38 years.

Among those serving a no-parole life sentence is Leigh Ann Zaepfel, who was convicted of two counts of first-degree murder after two people were shot dead during a 1990 robbery. Zaepfel, now 45, has served 28 years and is currently imprisoned at Mabel Basset Correctional Center in McCloud.

Zaepfel said she believes she's an entirely different person than she was at 17, and she would like a

chance at freedom one day. "I think mercy is important," Zaepfel told The Associated Press during a prison interview. "This is the Bible Belt. That's what Jesus taught: love, forgiveness and mercy. So you can't define somebody by one mistake, without investigating, instead of putting everybody in a box."

Given the Supreme Court's guidance on the issue, most states are now banning no-parole sentences altogether, said James Dold, advocacy director for The Campaign for the Fair Sentencing of Youth, which opposes no-parole sentences for children.

While there were only five states that banned such sentences before the court's decision, there are now 20 states and the District of Columbia that prohibit them, including Texas, Arkansas, Kansas and Colorado. "When you have Texas and Arkansas on the same page as California and Massachusetts, you're really talking about broad bipartisan support," Dold said. At least two states — Louisiana and Missouri — have passed laws preserving no-parole sentences for juveniles in some cases.

State Rep. Emily Virgin, a Democrat from Norman who requested Tuesday's legislative hearing, wrote a bill last year that would add Oklahoma to the list of states banning no-parole sentences for juveniles, but it failed to get a hearing in the GOP-controlled House. Virgin said she intends to introduce another bill next year, although she acknowledged it will be difficult to pass, especially because district attorneys want to retain the no-parole option for certain offenders. □

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## Flooding from remnants of tropical storm traps Phoenix cars

By TERRY TANG  
Associated Press

**PHOENIX (AP)** — Remnants of a tropical storm drenched parts of the desert Southwest on Tuesday, trapping some drivers on swamped Phoenix streets as authorities prepared for possible flash flooding in Arizona, central Utah and elsewhere.

Rosa, a hurricane that was downgraded to a tropical storm and then to a tropical depression, reportedly killed one person in northwestern Mexico before moving north into the U.S. The National Weather Service issued a flash-flood warning for the Phoenix area, saying that more than 2 inches (5 centimeters) of rain fell in metro Phoenix by midmorning and additional rain was expected. The day was the city's second wettest October day on record, the agency said.

Meteorologist Jaret Rogers said the rain appeared to be dissipating with scattered showers predicted for the rest of the day and into the next. The moisture from the storm was expected to move out of Arizona by Wednesday afternoon and bring rain to Utah and Colorado.

Flash-flood watches remained in effect for parts of those two states.

Phoenix sees sudden and heavy downpours during the summertime monsoon, but the continuously falling rain is a rarity.

The heavy showers caused a riverbed to overflow, spilling muddy waters into a north Phoenix intersection. Firefighters slogged

through waist-deep water to get to people stuck in their cars. Crews pulled at least six people, including a child, from vehicles and carried them one at a time to a firetruck.

Around 10 vehicles, including a bus, were either at a standstill in the water or tried to drive through it.

Rogers warned that even a short outburst of rain could still cause flooding in some areas.

"It won't take much to add to the flooding potential," Rogers said. "Once the ground's saturated, it basically can't hold any more water. It just runs off rather than being absorbed by the ground."

The wet weather was a factor in numerous Phoenix-area freeway wrecks, but no serious crashes were reported, said Trooper Kameron Lee of the Arizona Department of Public Safety.

Authorities warned drivers to avoid entering streets or washes inundated with water.

A reporter for Phoenix news station KNXV-TV posted a video on social media showing a person riding a unicycle into a flooded area, prompting the weather service to reiterate that all types of vehicles should stay away.

The rain also led three elementary schools and one high school to close for the day. Maricopa Community Colleges canceled classes at all 10 of its campuses.

Flash flood watches were in effect in parts of Arizona, California, Nevada and Utah. Utah Gov. Gary Herbert mobilized about 200



A driver waits to get towed out of flooded street during a flash flood as a result of heavy rains from tropical storm Rosa Tuesday, Oct. 2, 2018, in Phoenix.

Associated Press

National Guard soldiers Monday to prepare for potential flooding south of Salt Lake City.

The soldiers planned to build flood berms and erect barriers and sandbags, officials said.

In parts of southern Arizona, a flood warning was in effect until midafternoon. Heavy rain Monday flooded streets in the city of Yuma at the U.S.-Mexico border and caused power outages. At least six roads in Tucson were closed be-

cause of flash flooding.

Mexican authorities had declared a state of emergency for Ensenada, on Baja California state's Pacific coast, and Mexicali, the state capital across the border from Calexico, California. Mexican media outlets reported that a woman was swept away by floodwaters and drowned in the city of Caborca, Sonora, on the Sea of Cortez.

Meanwhile, a separate storm, Hurricane Sergio, grew to major hurricane

status in the Pacific on Tuesday, though it posed no immediate threat to land. It has sustained winds of 115 mph (185 kph), making it a Category 3 storm, U.S. National Hurricane Center said.

It's centered about 870 miles (1,400 kilometers) south-southwest of the southern tip of the Baja California Peninsula and has been heading west at 13 mph (20 kph). Forecasters say they expect it to keep moving out to sea. □





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## France holds Iranian funds, raids groups over alleged plot

By **ELAINE GANLEY**

**Associated Press**

**PARIS (AP)** — French authorities on Tuesday froze the assets of the internal security section of Iran's Intelligence Ministry as well as those of two Iranians, and all but pointed a finger at Tehran as the force behind an alleged plot to bomb an Iranian exile group's rally near Paris.

Police also raided the headquarters of a Muslim religious association in northern France, seizing weapons and detaining three people. The building houses a Shiite federation, an anti-Zionist party and other groups. The assets of the groups and their leaders were frozen as well.

A joint statement by

France's interior, economy and foreign ministers made clear the six-month freeze on the Intelligence Ministry's internal security section was linked to the alleged attempt to bomb the June 30 rally outside Paris of the People's Mujahedeen of Iran, or MEK.

"An attempted attack was thwarted," the statement said. "This act of an extreme gravity envisioned on our territory could not go without a response."

The ministers called the action "preventative, targeted and proportionate." The statement did not explain what funds might be in France.

In the second move, authorities froze the assets of Centre Zahra France, a



**Hooded police officers stands in front of the Centre Zahra headquarters during a search operation in Grande-Synthe near Dunkirk, France, Tuesday, Oct. 2, 2018, 2018.**

**Associated Press**

Muslim association in the town of Grande-Synthe, outside Dunkirk, as well as those of three organizations and four men linked

to the groups. The three groups are under Zahra France's wing and include the Shiite Federation of France and the Anti-

Zionist Party.

One of Zahra France's leaders, Yahia Gouasmi, is president of the Anti-Zionist Party. In 2010, he met with the leader of the Iranian-backed Hezbollah at its base in Lebanon.

The year before, he met in Tehran with then-Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, who predicted Israel's demise.

Responding to Tuesday's events, Gouasmi, 68, told reporters, "It's Israel that's behind this."

One of the two Iranians targeted in the freeze of the Intelligence Ministry section was Assadollah Asadi, a Vienna-based Iranian diplomat who is a suspect in the alleged attack on exile group MEK's rally. □

## Iraq tasks Shiite independent with forming new government

By **SINAN SALAHEDDIN**

**BAGHDAD (AP)** — Iraq's new president has tasked veteran Shiite politician Adel Abdul-Mahdi with forming a new government nearly five months after national elections were held, state TV reported late Tuesday.

Abdul-Mahdi is an independent who previously served as vice president, oil minister and finance minister. He is not allied with either of the two Shiite-led blocs that each claim to have the most support after May's elections, in which no party won an outright majority. He was previously a member of the Supreme Islamic Iraqi Council, a large Shiite party with close ties to Iran.



**Iraqi Kurdish lawmakers, members of Kurdistan Democratic Party Parliamentary block speaks to journalists during a press conference in Baghdad, Iraq, Tuesday, Oct. 2, 2018.**

**Associated Press**

He was tasked with forming a new government by Barham Salih, a Kurdish politician who was elected to the largely ceremonial role of president in a parliamentary vote earlier Tuesday.

Under an unofficial agreement dating back to the 2003 U.S.-led invasion, Iraq's presidency — a largely ceremonial role — is held by a Kurd, while the prime minister is Shiite and the parlia-

ment speaker is Sunni.

The prime minister-designate will have 30 days to submit his cabinet to parliament. Iraq held elections May 12.

State TV said Salih, of the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan, won 220 votes out of the 273 lawmakers who attended Tuesday's session. He was among 20 candidates for the post, including one from the rival Kurdistan Democratic Party. The two parties have dominated Kurdish politics for decades.

Shiite lawmaker Hamid al-Moussawi said the lawmakers were supposed to vote Monday, but delayed the session for nearly 24 hours after the KDP and the PUK were unable to agree on a

candidate. The parliament speaker eventually decided to hold a vote among all 20 nominees.

The KDP's nominee was Fuad Hussein, who served as chief of staff for the former Kurdish regional president Masoud Barzani.

Born in 1960 in the northern city of Sulaimaniyah, Salih joined the PUK in 1976 and later worked in its foreign relations department in London. He studied at Cardiff University and the University of Liverpool.

He held various posts in the Iraqi government after the 2003 invasion, including planning minister and deputy prime minister, and from 2009 to 2011 he served as prime minister of the Kurdish region. □



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## Boris Johnson turns up heat on May at Conservative meeting

By JILL LAWLESS

Associated Press

BIRMINGHAM, England (AP)

— Former Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson revved up Britain's Conservative Party Tuesday and ramped up pressure on Prime Minister Theresa May, condemning her proposed divorce deal with the European Union as a "cheat" that would keep the country manacled to the bloc.

A day before May was due to rally Tory troops with a keynote speech at the governing party's annual conference, the popular but divisive Johnson stole the prime minister's thunder with an address laying out his own vision of Brexit and domestic politics.

It was a leadership speech in all but name from a politician who quit the government in July over May's Brexit plan, but remains a huge Conservative star — and, his fans hope, a future prime minister.

In front of 1,500 conference delegates in Birmingham, central England, Johnson lambasted May's so-called "Chequers plan," which would see Britain stick close to EU rules in return for remaining in the bloc's single market for goods.

Johnson said that approach would leave the U.K. "in the tractor beam of Brussels," unable to set its own tariffs and regulations or to strike new trade deals around the world.

"This is not pragmatic, it is not a compromise," Johnson said. "It is dangerous and unstable — politically and economically."

He said that if the Chequers plan were adopted, "the U.K. will effectively be pa-



British Conservative Party Member of Parliament Boris Johnson speaks at a fringe event during the Conservative Party annual conference at the International Convention Centre, in Birmingham, England, Tuesday, Oct. 2, 2018.

Associated Press

raded in manacles down the Rue de la Loi" — a Brussels street lined with EU offices.

"This is not democracy. It is not what we voted for," Johnson said. "It's not taking back control. It's forfeiting control."

"Chequers is a cheat," he added, drawing huge applause from party members with a call to "chuck Chequers."

With six months to go until Britain leaves the European Union on March 29, the EU is seeking new proposals from Britain, and May is sticking to her plan, bringing negotiations to a standstill. The Conservatives are divided over how to proceed, caught between Brexiteers like Johnson and those who want to keep close economic with the bloc, Britain's biggest trading partner.

Johnson's full-blooded pro-

Brexit rhetoric has wide support among Conservative Party members, though the speech was light on detail about his proposed alternative. Johnson said simply that Britain should use a 20-month transition period after Brexit to negotiate a looser, Canada-style free trade deal while stepping up preparations for a "no-deal" exit.

The tousle-headed politician is known for Latin quips and verbal blunders that have included calling Papua New Guineans cannibals and accusing people in Liverpool of "wallowing" in victimhood.

In August, he was criticized for comparing Muslim women who wear face-covering veils to "letter boxes," and last month he compared May's Brexit plan to a "suicide vest."

Tuesday's British newspapers ran a photo of John-

son going for a jog in a grain field. Many took it as mocking May's assertion that the most mischievous thing she had ever done was run through a field of wheat as a child.

Johnson's list of indiscretions is rather longer.

In 2004, he was fired as Conservative vice chairman after lying about an extramarital affair. Last month, Johnson and his wife Marina Wheeler announced they were divorcing after 25 years of marriage — a move some saw as an attempt to neutralize potential stories about his private life before a leadership campaign.

After Britain's 2016 EU membership referendum, Johnson pulled out of a race to lead the Conservatives, which was won by May. His attacks on the prime minister suggest that he wants a second shot at the top job.

Johnson did not call Tuesday for May to be replaced, saying she should simply change course. He joked that a claim by Treasury chief Philip Hammond that Johnson would never be prime minister had "a distinct ring of truth."

Jack Aaron, a delegate from Witney in southern England, praised Johnson's "rousing" speech but said it would be "irresponsible" to try to topple May.

"It would make a joke of the United Kingdom if we were to lose our leader in the midst of (Brexit) negotiations," he said.

But with his shock of blond hair smoothed down, Johnson was in a sober, statesmanlike mode. The audience included leading pro-Brexit lawmakers, a well-known political spin doctor and hedge fund billionaire Michael Hintze, a Conservative donor.

His language was relatively restrained, with invective reserved for the opposition Labour Party, which he dismissed as "Hugo Chavez-loving, anti-Semitism condoning Kremlin apologists." For many Conservatives, whose party is dwindling in numbers and divided over Brexit, he was a tonic.

Delegates stood in line for up to two hours to hear him urge the party to "follow our conservative instincts" by cutting taxes to stimulate growth.

Mary Wylie, a local party official from Devon in southwest England, said Johnson's speech expressed "my Conservative philosophy."

"It acknowledged the fact that our country is a strong and wonderful country," she said. □



# Son of Egypt's jailed former president campaigns for father

By BRIAN ROHAN

**CAIRO (AP)** — Once a month, Abdullah waits outside Cairo's notorious Tora prison for hours, standing without shade under the blazing Egyptian sun for a chance to see his father.

And almost every time, for five years, he has been denied access to Egypt's most famous, but least heard-from prisoner — former President Mohamed Morsi, the Islamist whose divisive year in power ended with a military ouster in 2013.

"I won't sit on the ground while I wait, it's not dignified," he said in an interview with The Associated Press. "I know they will deny my request, but I still have to try."

Morsi's family is campaigning to gain more access to the former president, who since his overthrow has appeared only in court, almost always in a sound-proof cage. The family says the 67-year-old Morsi is suffering from ill health due to harsh conditions, including years of solitary confinement. Last month, they were granted a rare, police-supervised 25-minute visit — only the third time they've seen him in five years.

"He has no idea what's going on in the country since he was arrested, they don't allow him newspapers or even a pen and paper to write down his thoughts," Abdullah said, speaking at the family's home outside Cairo.

"He's in strong spirits but held in total isolation, without sufficient care for his diabetes and high blood pressure, and he sleeps on the floor," Abdullah said. "We want him to be able to have a life — visits and medical care, and eventually freedom."

Abdullah, 25, studies finance but says he has little chance of finding work in Egypt — employers are scared to hire him, requesting authorization letters from state security.

He has no passport, only an ID, and has been refused a driver's license. Recently, his older brother Osama, who had already been detained for two years, was



In this Sept. 30, 2018 photo, Abdullah Morsi, the youngest son of Egypt's jailed former Islamist President Mohamed Morsi, sits in front of a framed image of his father that was printed on a flag, at his home in Cairo, Egypt.

sentenced to 10 years in prison in a mass trial that Amnesty International decried as a "mockery of justice." He and the other defendants were convicted of allegedly inciting violence at a pro-Morsi sit-in that police stormed, killing hundreds of protesters.

With most of the family on a terrorism watch list and banned from public life after authorities blacklisted Morsi's Muslim Brotherhood, the campaign to improve conditions of his imprisonment has been run from London, where several prominent British politicians have backed it.

"I am not fighting for anything here except for his rights," Abdullah said of his father.

Morsi, who won Egypt's first and arguably only free presidential election in 2012, has been imprisoned since he was overthrown by his own defense minister, now President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi. He has been held incommunicado since, having only seen his lawyers four times.

In Egypt, convicts are typically allowed family visits although that can be revoked at the authorities' discretion, as seems to be the case with Morsi, whose family has been given no explanation for it. Families of many detainees report

similar restrictions, especially for those with alleged Brotherhood ties.

During his year in office, Morsi's opponents accused his Muslim Brotherhood of trying to use election victories to impose their domination over the state. Morsi cracked down at times on protesters and used executive powers to force policies, but never managed to control the levers of power, facing opposition in the courts and among police. In the end, his opponents organized mass demonstrations against his rule, and it was against this backdrop that el-Sissi overthrew him.

Since then, the government has declared the Brotherhood a terrorist organization and largely crushed it with a heavy crackdown. Tens of thousands of Egyptians have been arrested since 2013, the vast majority of them accused of working with or for the Brotherhood, says the U.S.-based Tahrir Institute for Middle East Policy. Morsi still considers himself Egypt's legitimate president and does not recognize the charges against him, which include treason and incitement to violence. He has been sentenced to 20 years after being convicted of ordering Brotherhood members to break up a

protest against him, resulting in deaths. An earlier death sentence was overturned. Multiple cases are still pending.

Morsi is held in a special wing in the sprawling Tora detention complex nicknamed Scorpion Prison. Rights groups say its poor conditions fall far below Egyptian and international standards.

Egyptian authorities deny mistreating prisoners. The Interior Ministry could not be immediately reached for comment.

The London campaign, which calls itself the Detention Review Panel, says poor prison conditions and lack of visits for Morsi should be considered cruel and unusual punishment and may meet the standards for torture under international and Egyptian law. The panel also says it is pressing for the international community to intervene to improve Morsi's conditions.

The panel is headed by Crispin Blunt and Paul Williams, both members of Parliament, and Edward Faulks, a member of the House of Lords. They requested to interview Morsi earlier this year to check on his health and conditions, but received no response to the request.

The government has depicted the Brotherhood as

a terrorist threat, lumping it in with extremists like an Islamic State affiliate that has waged a campaign of attacks, killing thousands of security forces and civilians. The fighting is centered in the Sinai Peninsula but has also erupted in other parts of the country, although in recent months attacks have waned.

Authorities describe several smaller militant groups as splinter factions of the Brotherhood and say imprisoned Brotherhood leaders have sent messages to militants from their cells. It is with such justifications that authorities sometimes ban prison visits.

"The terrorism claims, that's all theatre — it's the only way they can explain what they did to my father," Abdullah said.

The United States and Europe have all but endorsed el-Sissi's security solutions in dealing with terror groups and raised little criticism of crackdowns on dissent — instead turning to el-Sissi as a key regional partner and recipient of arms sales. No formal political organizations oppose el-Sissi, who won re-election earlier this year in a contest where he faced no serious competitors. Popular anger at the rising cost of living and lack of economic opportunities for most Egyptians have surfaced occasionally, prompting el-Sissi to warn that Egypt would not survive another "revolutionary" phase like the 2011 popular uprising that toppled longtime autocrat Hosni Mubarak.

Abdullah and his family point to Mubarak's case as they press for Morsi's transfer to incarceration in a private hospital for care at his own expense. After his ouster, Mubarak never saw the inside of a prison cell, and instead was held in a military hospital. After lengthy trials on several charges, Mubarak walked free last year.

"When my father was in charge, Mubarak was never held in such conditions, my father respected human rights," Abdullah said. "He deserves the same." □



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## North Korea says peace declaration not a bargaining chip

By ERIC TALMADGE

Associated Press

**TOKYO (AP)** — North Korea warned Washington through its state media Tuesday that a declaration ending the Korean War shouldn't be seen as a bargaining chip in denuclearization talks — but suggested lifting sanctions might be.

The North's official news agency issued a commentary claiming Pyongyang has taken significant measures to end hostile relations between the two countries but said the U.S. is "trying to subdue" it through sanctions, a not-so-subtle call for Washington to lift sanctions if it wants further progress in their stalled nuclear negotiations.

The commentary said a declaration replacing a 65-year-old armistice to formally end the war "is not just a gift from a man to another," and added, "it can never be a bargaining chip for getting the DPRK denuclearized."

The DPRK is short for the North's official name —



In this May 9, 2018, file photo provided by the North Korean government, U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, left, shakes hands with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un during a meeting at Workers' Party of Korea headquarters in Pyongyang, North Korea.

Associated Press

the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

The commentary was directed at supporters of the U.S. policy to maintain maximum pressure and sanctions on North Korea until it has made clear and significant moves to denuclearize.

U.S. Secretary of State

Mike Pompeo — a vocal advocate of that policy — is expected to travel to Pyongyang soon to try to revive the negotiation process and set the stage for a second summit between President Donald Trump and leader Kim Jong

Un.

The commentary echoes a speech by North Korea's foreign minister, Ri Yong Ho, at the United Nations last week in which he claimed North Korea is ready to implement the agreements Trump and Kim made during their first summit, in

Singapore in June, but also accused Washington of failing to demonstrate its willingness to ease tensions and build mutual trust.

"Without any trust in the U.S., there will be no confidence in our national security," he said, "and under such circumstances there is no way we will unilaterally disarm ourselves first."

The North's emphasis on lifting sanctions and building trust above all else puts a spotlight on the rift between its position and Washington's since the Singapore summit, when Trump and Kim issued a vague statement about a nuclear-free peninsula without describing when and how it would occur.

Negotiations between Washington and Pyongyang have since been rocky, with neither side able to agree on a starting point and widespread skepticism in the United States over whether Pyongyang is serious about renouncing an arsenal it sees as the only way to guarantee its safety. □



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## Ex-army general accused of murder leads mayoral race in Peru

By FRANKLIN BRICENO  
Associated Press

**LIMA, Peru (AP)** — The retired army general blew kisses to supporters and promised an iron fist against criminals in Peru's massive capital city, delivering one of the trademark bombastic law-and-order speeches that have made him a leading candidate to be Lima's next mayor.

"I'll eat bad guys for breakfast," Daniel Urresti told the cheering crowd in the hardscrabble Tahuantinsuyo district in Lima, a city obsessed with crime. "And I'll have the mafia for lunch." But Urresti himself might wind up behind bars as investigators probe his military past. On Thursday, a panel of judges will decide if the 62-year-old ex-general is guilty of killing a journalist who was murdered while covering the bloody conflict between the Peruvian state and Shining Path guerrillas more than a quarter century ago.



In this Friday, Sept. 28, 2018 photo, confetti rains on mayoral candidate Daniel Urresti as he arrives for a campaign event in Lima, Peru.

Associated Press

Urresti denies that he had anything to do with the 1988 slaying of Hugo Bustos, who wrote for Peruvian the newsmagazine *Caretas*. But he knows that his

campaign to lead one of South America's largest cities will be over if he is found guilty.

"They will put handcuffs on me and take me away,"

he said, before continuing to tour a dusty suburb on Lima's outskirts.

Peruvian prosecutors started to investigate Urresti in 2013, after two fellow offi-

cers from his barracks in the remote region of Huanta said Urresti participated in Bustos' killing along with them. They accused the journalist of working for the Maoist rebels, who at the time dominated large swathes of Peru's Andean highlands and jungle.

The allegations didn't stop Urresti from serving as Peru's interior minister between 2014 and 2015. During that time he became known for attacking critics on social media and fighting accusations that police used excessive force against protesters in rural areas.

Soon after Urresti resigned as minister he was put on trial for the murder of Bustos. The journalist was killed on Nov. 24, 1988, when a group of soldiers shot at his motorcycle on a remote mountain road and then blew it up with explosives. Prosecutors allege Urresti — who was a captain at the time — shot at the motorcycle. □



In this Sept. 17, 1989 file photo, Nicaraguan presidential candidate Violeta Chamorro raises her arms as she receives a warm welcome from some 2,000 Nicaraguan exiles who turned out in Miami for a rally and independence day celebration.

Associated Press

## Former Nicaraguan President Violeta Chamorro hospitalized

**Associated Press**  
**MANAGUA, Nicaragua (AP)** — Former Nicaraguan President Violeta Barrios de Chamorro was in "delicate condition" in a Managua hospital early Tuesday after suffering a cerebral embolism, her family said.

A statement from her family said the 88-year-old Chamorro, Nicaragua's first female president, was tak-

en to the Vivian Pellas Metropolitan Hospital and put in intensive care. It said she had a "cerebral accident." The family said late Monday that it would keep people informed of her state of health but asked the media to respect its privacy.

Chamorro was thrust into politics by her husband's assassination and stunned

the world in 1990 by ousting the ruling Sandinista party led by Daniel Ortega in presidential elections. As president, she helped end the country's civil war. She governed Nicaragua until 1997.

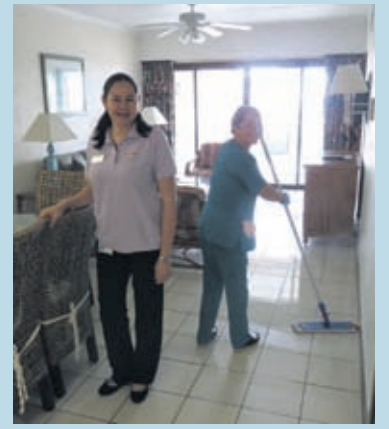
Chamorro moved away from public life in 2011, when it became known that she suffered from a brain tumor. □





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Fayola loves the job because of the people. Her colleagues, the different cultures and different mentalities she encounters and the guests of course. Her job as she sees it is to make people happy. "A happy employee makes a happy guest. I have an open door policy, every morning when my team comes in, I have my coffee station ready in my office and we drink coffee together and talk about family and so on. They go to work after and then again we have our coffee moment in the afternoon as well before the shift is over." Fayola connects with her team and every Saturday she brings sandwiches for them to eat together before all start working. "Casa del Mar's heavy day is Saturday when it is check out, check in day. We have a target to achieve that day as we need to have all rooms ready by 4 PM. So I work with them, clean the rooms and so on. We work as a team and make it happen together. I am satisfied and happy as we hardly get guests complaints."

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Minister Dangui Oduber does his utmost to make sure for tourism stays solid. Minister Oduber congratulates the entire community of Aruba and Aruba Airport Authority N.V. with the start of Gateway 2030 project. □



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## Asi Es Mi Peru restaurant launches Chef Table 5 Course Menu:

# "It feels like having dinner at home in Peru"



**EAGLEBEACH — Peruvian-born Roxanna Salinas is the proud owner of a restaurant that without doubt serves the purest Peruvian specialties in Aruba: Asi Es Mi Peru at Paradise Beach Villas. She herself welcomes you in 'her home' as that is how the restaurant is described by Peruvian foodies: Food like home, for sure the best compliment a restaurant can get. "Everything here is 100 % Peruvian, we are authentic and ethnic." Peru by the way is considered to be the single most important cuisine in Latin America with a repertoire of dishes that might even beat France. Many big-name chefs travel to the country to get inspired. How It All Started**

"Many years ago during a Christmas gathering with family my mom told me why I did not open a Peruvian restaurant in Aruba. She said: who does not love Peruvian food?" That was the trigger for the start because Roxanne loves cooking, it is in her genes. Her mom and grandmother were great cooks. "My base principle was to do everything original and authentic. When

guests come to this restaurant I want to serve them the food as if you were dining the best dishes in a house in Peru. The taste is equal, nothing is fused or changed. Many Peruvians that come here say: I feel like I am having dinner at home. It is very difficult to please Peruvians as naturally they know best what is authentic." To find her Chef and Sous Chef she went to Peru where she interviewed 190 applicants. "We had more than 400 people that applied, after a screening that my brother and I did, we were left with 190 and out of them 10 cooked for me. I gave them a basket with ingredients and a certain plate they had to cook.

Based on that I chose the Chef and Sous Chef." Chef Table 5 Course Menu Peruvian food is remarkable for the diversity of its ingredients. It might be best known for its ceviche, the marinated seafood dish, but bestsellers are also Lomo Saltado (stir fry strips sirloin), seafood rice and Pescado a lo Macho (fish of the day). Roxanne explains that recently the Chef launched a 5-course Chef Table Menu. "Now that we have standardized our typical Peruvian cuisine, we are ready to take it to the next level. Our Chef is very knowledgeable and we bring higher cuisine to the table." Of the 5 courses the first is the Tiradito Tres

Regiones, and the 2nd the Majao de Yuca con Pargo Escabechado paired with a wonderful Santiago Ruiz Albarino; The 3rd plate is a Cremosa de Quinoa con Aji Relleno paired with a Hahn Pinot Noir, the 4th the Lomo con Salsa de Hongos

Andinos paired with a Merlot Santa Margarita, and the 5th a Crocante de Maracuya. Try this wonderful culinary experience!

Roxanne explains that the Peruvian food is influenced by different cultures. "A lot of people came from China to work in the sugar plantations, Japanese came to work in the rice fields and African immigrants brought their influences as well... that's why you see a fusion in the dishes. The typical food and plates from Peru mixed with these influences make up for an excellent cuisine. Our sushi for example is totally different than the standard sushi and we have so many pastas that are outside of Italian pastas. The variety of corn, more than 500 variety of potatoes... I can go on and on." I guess you will need to try it for yourself as Roxanne's place is unique. Asi Es Mi Peru is open every day from 12 noon - 10:30 pm. They are closed on Monday evening. Have a peak on their website <https://www.asiesmiperuenaruba.com/> or Facebook [asiesmiperu](https://www.facebook.com/asiesmiperu). □





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## A weekly calendar with a selection of what's going on in Aruba



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- Scol di arte, (school of art), San Nicolas
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### Saturday 06 Photowalk in Aruba

- Photowalks are created by Walk Leaders in cities all over the world. Walkers meet up at a pre-designated location to spend a few hours socializing, capturing images, and sharing with like-minded people. Walk will start at the Renaissance Market place and will end by the Royal Plaza. There will be plenty to photograph along the way.
- Starts at 9 AM TILL 12 PM
- Renaissance Market Place, Oranjestad
- Website <https://worldwidephotowalk.com/walk/downtown-oranjestad-aruba/>

### Thursday 04

#### Art Fashion 2018- Speak up

- Being Aruba's only fashion show that pushes the creativity of its local designers, to join forces with artists & artisans. Each year we have bigger & bolder pieces during the fashion show. This year we are introducing an experience fashion show themed SPEAK UP which will be filled with tons of surprises! Local and International designers alike will showcase their latest fashion in clothing and accessories on a one day fashion event.
- From 7 PM till 11 PM
- Mainstreet San Nicolas
- Facebook ArtisA



### Friday 05

#### Aruba Art Fair 2018

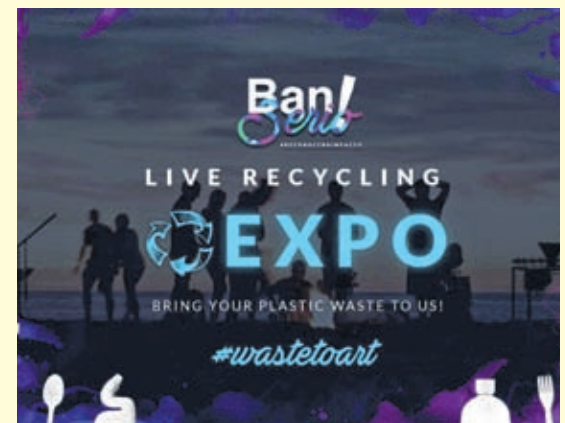
- Come and enjoy this art weekend and experience over 100 artists & Artisans, 10 Muralists, over 60 performance artists, live paintings, cars, tattoo's and many more! Art Fair 2018 wich will be taking place on the 5th to the 7th of OCT 2018
- From 6:30 PM till 11:30 PM
- In the streets of Sanicolas
- Facebook Aruba Art Fair



### Sunday 07

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### Tuesday 09

#### Bon Bini Festival

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- From 7 PM till 8:30 PM
- Fort Zoutman, Historical Museum, Oranjestad
- Facebook Bon Bini Festival





# SPORTS



In this Sept. 30, 2018, photo, Minnesota Twins manager Paul Molitor is shown during the final game of the regular baseball season against the Chicago White Sox in Minneapolis.

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## Minnesota Twins fire manager Paul Molitor after 78-84 finish

By DAVE CAMPBELL  
AP Sports Writer

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The Minnesota Twins fired Paul Molitor on Tuesday, one season after he won the American League Manager of the Year award.

Molitor has been offered another position within the organization. "I fully respect that decision," Molitor said in a statement distributed by the Twins. "I will forever be grateful for the opportunity they gave me to serve in the role as manager for these past four years. I'm going to consider their genuine offer to serve in a different capacity to positively impact the Twins from a different role." The Twins went 305-343 under the 62-year-old Molitor, with one appearance in the playoffs in 2017. They were 78-84 this year, long out of postseason contention after a series of early setbacks to several key players.

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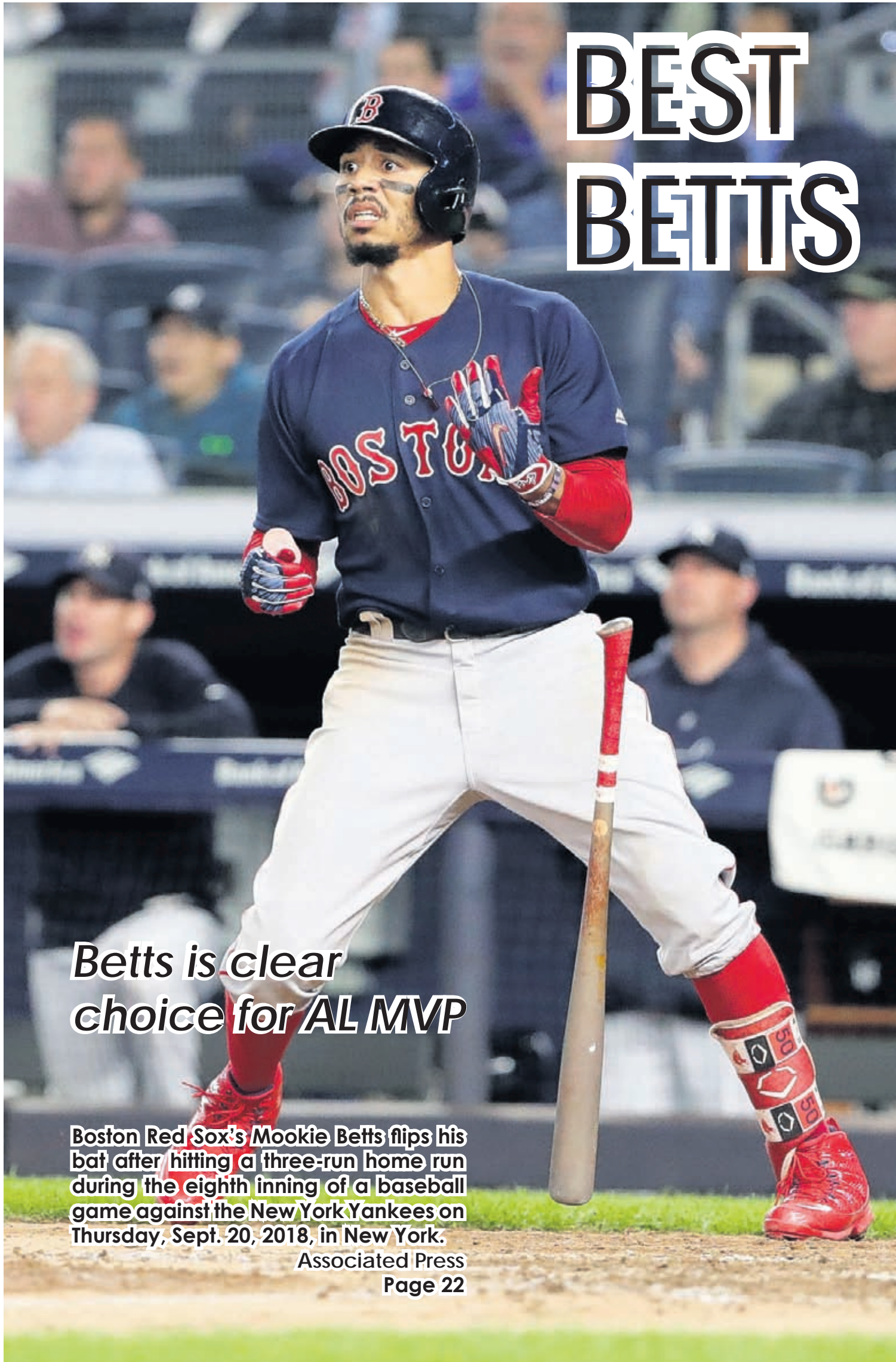
# BEST BETTS

## Betts is clear choice for AL MVP

Boston Red Sox's Mookie Betts flips his bat after hitting a three-run home run during the eighth inning of a baseball game against the New York Yankees on Thursday, Sept. 20, 2018, in New York.

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## Showtime: Mahomes rallies Chiefs past Broncos, 27-23

By **ARNIE STAPLETON**  
AP Pro Football Writer

**DENVER (AP)** — Patrick Mahomes is athletic, agile — and ambidextrous, apparently.

Thanks in part to a nifty left-handed throw as he was about to get sacked by Von Miller at midfield on the game-winning drive, the right-handed Mahomes rallied the unbeaten Kansas City Chiefs past the Denver Broncos 27-23 on Monday night.

By overcoming a 10-point fourth-quarter deficit, the Chiefs (4-0) took a two-game lead over the Broncos (2-2), their AFC West rivals whom they've now beaten six straight times.

The only other remaining unbeaten team is the Los Angeles Rams.

Down 23-13, Mahomes directed a 12-play, 75-yard drive that ate up more than six minutes and culminated with a 2-yard TD toss to tight end Travis Kelce.

After a three-and-out by Denver, Mahomes added a 60-yard touchdown drive, handing off to Kareem Hunt for the 4-yard score with 1:39 remaining. On that last drive, Mahomes was getting dragged down by Miller on third-and-5 at midfield when he shifted the ball to his left hand and threw it to Tyreek Hill a yard past the first-down marker at the Broncos 49.

"He's actually more athletic than people" realize, Denver linebacker Brandon Marshall said. "People talk about his arm, but he can move out of the pocket and make the necessary

throws."

Even with his left hand.

"I didn't know he threw it with his left hand," marveled Miller. "He's a great quarterback."

"Patrick worked real hard on that left-handed throw," Chiefs coach Andy Reid quipped. "Some amazing plays there. We've seen it in practice but not under those conditions."

Mahomes proved slippery all night.

"We played well and we got to him but he would scramble out to his right as he likes to do," Marshall said. "It's almost like we'd have him in our fingertips and he'd scramble away and throw for a first down."

"The kid can play. He's going to be really good. He's really good right now, but we should have won the game."

It was the first time since 2004 that the Broncos blew a 10-point fourth-quarter lead at home.

### RUN, ROOKIES, RUN

In between Kansas City's scoring drives, the Broncos, who had run roughshod over the Chiefs all night — a 7.2-yard average per run — suddenly abandoned their ground game in favor of three-wide receiver sets that resulted in a quick three-and-out that sent Denver's exhausted defenders right back out.

"We ran the ball to control the game," Broncos coach Vance Joseph said, "but you throw the ball to score."

After the three-and-out, struggling Broncos punter Marquette King shanked



Kansas City Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes (15) throws left-handed for the first down as Denver Broncos linebacker Bradley Chubb (55) and linebacker Shane Ray (56) pursue during the second half of an NFL football game, Monday, Oct. 1, 2018, in Denver.

Associated Press

a 35-yarder out of bounds, giving the Chiefs the ball at their 40 with 4:35 left.

"He's got to perform better," Joseph said. "We're at home and it's his job to flip the field. It ain't happening."

If anything, the Broncos' 1-2 punch of rookie running backs needed more work. Phillip Lindsay ran 16 times for 69 yards and a TD and Royce Freeman ran eight times for 67 yards and a TD. Freeman took a toss from Case Keenum and slipped seven tackles on his way to a 14-yard touchdown in which he dragged linebacker Anthony Hitchens across the goal line in the

first half.

### BIG BLUNDERS

Mahomes overcame a couple of flags that put Kansas City in a second-and-30 hole from their 31 and completed consecutive passes covering 23 and 35 yard to reach the Broncos' 11 at the 2-minute warning.

That last play never should have counted because the play clock expired well before the snap. But referee Craig Wrolstad's crew missed it. Joseph said he raised the issue with an official who insisted the Chiefs had gotten the play off in time.

"I disagree. I disagree," Jo-

seph said.

Cornerback Chris Harris Jr. said there should be some recourse when the officials blow a call.

"If a ref messes up on a call, yeah, you should be able to fix it. Go back and fix. Like, 'Dude, look how long the clock was on zero?' I mean, c'mon," Harris said. "That wasn't the reason we lost the game. We still had plenty of chances but that was a huge, huge no-call." The officials had another blunder when Mahomes was about 1½ yards past the line of scrimmage when he scrambled and hit Kelce for a 29-yard catch to the 3 early in the second half. Joseph appeared to be reaching for his red challenge flag but never threw it.

Denver's defense bailed out its coach by forcing the Chiefs to settle for a field goal.

### NATIONAL ANTHEM

Thomas and Broncos teammate Brandon Marshall both stood with their teammates during the national anthem. Since the pre-season, both players had been retreating to the tunnel nearest their bench during the singing of "The Star-Spangled Banner."

### INJURIES

Chiefs: Wide receiver Sammy Watkins pulled a hamstring in the second quarter and didn't return. Linebacker Dee Ford (groin) left in the fourth quarter.

Broncos: Right tackle Jared Veldheer left in the first quarter with a knee injury and was replaced by Billy Turner. □



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## Rams remain unanimous top team in latest AP Pro32 poll

By **SIMMI BUTTAR**  
AP Sports Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — The Rams have turned the opening quarter of the NFL's regular season into their own version of "La La Land."

The Rams have gotten off to a dominant start. They are 4-0 and have outscored their opponents by a league-leading combined 73 points so far this season and have the NFL's most potent offense, averaging 468.5 yards a game. All of that adds up to the Rams repeating as the unanimous top team in the latest AP Pro32 poll.

For the second consecutive week, the Rams received all 12 first-place votes and 384 points in balloting Tuesday by media members who regularly cover the NFL.

The Rams leave Hollywood, heading out on the road for the next three weeks, as they look to stay perfect.

"The Rams are 4-0 for the first time since 2001, which is fitting, because (coach) Sean McVay and (quarterback) Jared Goff are putting on their own great offensive show," said Jenny Vrentas of The Monday Morning Quarterback.

The Kansas City Chiefs, who overcame a 10-point deficit in the fourth quarter to top the Denver Broncos 27-23 on Monday night, remained at No. 2.

"Patrick Mahomes does things every week that leave you awe-inspired," Newsday's Bob Glauber said. "A modern-day Brett Favre, Mahomes brought back the Chiefs against the Broncos with some of the best playmaking you'll ever see from an NFL quarterback."

The Jacksonville Jaguars inched up a spot to No. 3 after routing the New York Jets 31-12. The Jaguars



Los Angeles Rams wide receiver Brandin Cooks celebrates after scoring with Cooper Kupp during the first half in an NFL football game against the Minnesota Vikings Thursday, Sept. 27, 2018, in Los Angeles.

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face the Chiefs on Sunday in the top matchup of Week 5.

Running back Leonard Fournette might not play for the Jaguars because of a hamstring injury. He

already has missed 2½ games with the injury.

"Worries about Fournette's hammy," Fox Sports' John Czarnecki said.

The New Orleans Saints also moved up a spot to No. 4

after beating the New York Giants 33-18 and will close out the week against another NFC East opponent when they host Washington on Monday night.

"As Drew Brees closes in on

the NFL record book, the Saints are rolling since that Week 1 shocker against Tampa Bay," said Ira Kaufman of Fox 13 in Tampa, Florida.

The Baltimore Ravens and Cincinnati Bengals, tied atop the AFC North at 3-1, both made major moves in the poll. The Ravens jumped four spots to No. 5 after topping the rival Pittsburgh Steelers 26-14 on Sunday night. The Bengals climbed six spots to No. 6 after rallying past the Atlanta Falcons 37-36 on Andy Dalton's TD pass to A.J. Green with 7 seconds remaining.

The New England Patriots moved up three spots to No. 7 after pounding the AFC East rival Miami Dolphins 38-7. The Patriots (2-2) are the highest-ranked team with a .500 record.

They will open Week 5 on Thursday night, when they host Andrew Luck and the Indianapolis Colts.

The AFC East-leading Dolphins (3-1) plummeted nine spots to No. 15 and are the lowest-ranked team with a winning record.

The Chicago Bears moved up eight spots to No. 8 after dominating the Tampa Bay Buccaneers 48-10 as Mitchell Trubisky threw six touchdown passes. The NFC North-leading Bears have a bye this week before facing Miami on Oct. 14.

"Not only are the Bears good now," said Alex Marvez of The Sporting News. "The best is yet to come with Mitch Trubisky."

The Carolina Panthers, who are coming off their bye week, slipped two spots to No. 9. They will host the Giants on Sunday.

The Tennessee Titans (3-1), who share first place in the AFC South with the Jaguars, jumped up five spots to round out the top 10. □





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In this March 6, 2016, file photo, Minnesota Twins manager Paul Molitor watches a spring training baseball game against the Tampa Bay Rays, in Port Charlotte, Fla.

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## Paul Molitor

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Chief baseball officer Derek Falvey and general manager Thad Levine inherited Molitor when they were hired two years ago, when owner Jim Pohlad said keeping him would be a prerequisite for the job. After the Twins went 85-77 and reached the wild card game, Molitor was given a new three-year contract. Falvey and Pohlad each expressed confidence Molitor would remain with the Twins.

Executives often prefer to pick their own managers, and Falvey and Levine haven't now undertaken that task.

They acquired relievers Fernando Rodney, Addison Reed and Zach Duke, starting pitchers Lance Lynn and Jake Odorizzi and designated hitter Logan Morrison over the winter, but Rodney and Duke were the only additions who couldn't be considered disappointments on the field. Shortstop Jorge Polanco was hit with an 80-game suspension to start the season for a positive test for a performance-enhancing substance, and starting pitcher Ervin Santana's re-

covery from surgery on his middle finger was painfully slow. Catcher Jason Castro suffered a season-ending knee injury.

Second baseman Brian Dozier labored through the summer with substandard production. Center fielder Byron Buxton and third baseman Miguel Sano, long lauded as the future cornerstones of the franchise, continued to struggle and spent long stretches rehabbing injuries and in the minor leagues.

Molitor, who spent the final three seasons of his Hall of Fame playing career with his hometown team, held several roles within the organization before he was named the 13th manager of the Twins for 2015.

Molitor was a roving minor league instructor, focusing on baserunning and infielding, from 2003 through 2013 with a one-year stint as hitting coach for the Seattle Mariners in between. He was bench coach for the Twins under manager Tom Kelly in 2000 and 2001 and then an assistant coach under manager Ron Gardenhire in 2014 with emphases on baserunning, bunting, infielding and in-game strategy. □

## Severino to start wild-card game for Yankees again

By RONALD BLUM

AP Baseball Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Luis Severino will start the AL wild-card game for the New York Yankees against the Oakland Athletics

made the decision Saturday.

Severino made his post-season debut in last year's wild-card game. He got just one out and left with a 3-0 deficit, but New York

2 2/3 innings. He threw two wild pitches and Gary Sanchez had two passed balls. "I think it was a miscommunication between us," Severino said. "I think we didn't set the right signs."



New York Yankees starter Luis Severino pitches against the Tampa Bay Rays during the first inning of a baseball game Tuesday, Sept. 25, 2018, in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Associated Press

on Wednesday night, a chance to make up for his awful outing in the winner-take-all matchup against Minnesota last year.

"I think he's equipped in so many ways to handle this, and perhaps most importantly, he's equipped with amazing stuff and the ability to dominate big league hitters because he's such a talented pitcher," Yankees manager Aaron Boone said Tuesday.

Severino was chosen over J.A. Happ and Masahiro Tanaka. Boone said he

rallied for an 8-4 win.

"I was too excited," Severino said. "It was a good experience. Now I'll take that tomorrow and try to treat that game like a regular game."

A 24-year-old right-hander, Severino was 19-8 with a 3.39 ERA and 220 strikeouts. He was 14-2 at the All-Star break but lost six of his next nine decisions before beating Boston and Tampa Bay in his last two outings.

He lost 8-2 at Oakland on Sept. 5, allowing six runs — five earned — and six hits in

The wild-card winner advances to a Division Series against Boston starting Friday.

Happ, Tanaka and Lance Lynn will be part of a nine-man bullpen. □

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# Nobody better: Betts, Yelich clear choices for MVP awards

By MIKE FITZPATRICK

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Now that the regular season is finally in the books, time to bestow baseball's biggest individual prizes. It took one extra day to sort out the playoff bracket, but these debates have been under-way for weeks.

Christian Yelich seems a cinch for NL MVP, but is it Mookie Betts or Boston teammate J.D. Martinez in the American League?

Jacob deGrom or Max Scherzer for the NL Cy Young Award?

Shohei Ohtani or Miguel Andujar for AL Rookie of the Year?

Martinez has been a monster at the plate in his first season with the Red Sox after signing a \$110 million, five-year contract. He launched 43 home runs and led the majors with 130 RBIs. He compiled a 1.031 OPS and hit .330, finishing second to Betts (.346) in the batting race.

All big reasons why Boston had the best record in baseball at 108-54.

Hitting at the top of the order, Betts had 32 homers, 80 RBIs, 129 runs and a whopping 1.078 OPS.

But on defense and the bases, it's no comparison. Martinez started 57 games in the outfield but 93 at designated hitter. Betts, a sensational defender, started 115 games in right field and 13 in center. Plus, he stole 30 bases in 36 attempts.

All those elite skills. That's why he led the majors in wins above replacement with 10.9 (per baseball-reference.com).

"I'd vote for Betts," Baltimore manager Buck Showalter said. "The impact that he has defensively is what sets him over the top for me. I told people, he's the best right fielder I've ever seen. He makes plays that people in the stands don't realize are not routine. Throws well. Steals a base when he needs to. He's special."

Angels star Mike Trout merits his annual look, along with Houston third baseman Alex Bregman, Cleveland infielder Jose Ramirez and Indians shortstop Francisco Lindor.



Milwaukee Brewers' Christian Yelich (22) hits an RBI single during the third inning of a tiebreak baseball game against the Chicago Cubs on Monday, Oct. 1, 2018, in Chicago.

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But in the end, Betts is the clear winner after being runner-up to Trout two years ago.

Voting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America is conducted before the postseason opener Tuesday night, and results will be announced in November. Here are our selections for the other top awards:

**NATIONAL LEAGUE MVP:** With a huge second half, Yelich practically carried Milwaukee to an NL Central championship and the best record in the league during his first season with the team. He came within a wisp of becoming the first Triple Crown winner in the National League since Joe "Ducky" Medwick in 1937. Yelich won the batting title with a .326 average and had 36 homers to go with 110 RBIs, 118 runs, 22 steals in 26 tries and a 1.000 OPS that led the league by a wide margin. He came through with three hits and an RBI as the Brewers beat the Cubs 3-1 on Monday in a one-game tiebreaker for the division crown at Wrigley Field.

That's how MVP awards are won, and this election won't be close. Could be unanimous.

"Down the stretch, he's

been willing that team it seems like. One night it's the cycle, one night it's a homer late, another night he walks five times. I think it's Yelly," said Don Mattingly, manager of the Miami Marlins team that traded Yelich last offseason.

**AL CY YOUNG:** Young lefty Blake Snell of the Tampa Bay Rays wins with a 21-5 record and league-leading 1.89 ERA in 180 2/3 innings. But it should be a tighter vote than projected. The guy getting overlooked a bit is Houston ace Justin Verlander (16-9, 2.52), who had a lower WHIP than Snell in 214 innings. Verlander struck out a league-high 290 hitters and walked only 37. Incredible.

**NL CY YOUNG:** At one point late in the season, this was a close and compelling three-way race between deGrom, Scherzer and Aaron Nola. And then deGrom left everyone in the dust, finishing with a major league-low 1.70 ERA in 217 innings. His pedestrian 10-9 record for a struggling New York Mets team that provided little support? Pretty irrelevant.

Nola tailed off a bit with Philadelphia and went 17-6 with a 2.37 ERA and 224 strikeouts in 212 1/3 innings.

Scherzer, winner of two consecutive NL Cy Young Awards with Washington and the 2013 AL prize for Detroit, was 18-7 with a 2.53 ERA in 220 2/3 innings. He struck out 300 batters, 31 more than deGrom, but also gave up 13 more home runs.

"I would say it's still pretty close," Mattingly said. "I'm probably like everybody else, because I'm kind of like, what Jacob's doing is incredible, you know? Max, too, but Max has done it so many times. So I think deGrom wins it."

**AL ROOKIE OF THE YEAR:** Maybe the toughest award to dissect, because one of the top candidates was a two-way player for a while. How much of a boost does Ohtani get for the 10 starts he made on the mound before his elbow injury put pitching on hold? The Japanese star went 4-2 with a 3.31 ERA and 63 strikeouts in 51 2/3 innings. Not to mention he batted .285 with 22 homers, 61 RBIs, 10 stolen bases and a .925 OPS in 367 plate appearances as a designated hitter. Pretty much unprecedented.

Meanwhile, the steady Andujar hit .297 with 27 homers, 92 RBIs and an .855 OPS in 149 games as the every-

day third baseman for a Yankees team that made the playoffs. Hard to compare.

Ohtani wasn't on the field all that much, but hey, it's not an MVP award. Picking him seems more fun.

**NL ROOKIE OF THE YEAR:** Another close call. The impressive numbers for 20-year-old Atlanta outfielder Ronald Acuna Jr. and 19-year-old Washington slugger Juan Soto are remarkably similar. Acuna earns a slight edge for his speed and defense. "For me, just seeing Acuna straight up, I think he had a bigger impact on that club," Mattingly said.

**AL MANAGER OF THE YEAR:** So difficult to choose between Oakland's Bob Melvin and Tampa Bay's Kevin Cash. They both did a masterful job despite a low payroll and little starting pitching. Melvin piloted the Athletics (97-65) to a surprise playoff berth, while the Rays somehow went 90-72 in a division that included the Red Sox and Yankees. Take a look at the two rosters, though. And while the A's were adding help at the trade deadline, Tampa Bay was selling off veterans. So by the slimmest of margins, it's Cash.

**NL MANAGER OF THE YEAR:** Craig Counsell was our pick from a competitive field last year, even though Milwaukee fell short of the playoffs. He received three first-place votes but came in fourth. Often overlooked, Counsell gets the nod this time after the Brewers won their final eight regular-season games to finish 96-67 and overtake the favored Cubs in the NL Central. A close second is Brian Snitker, the 62-year-old skipper who did a wonderful job in guiding the Baby Braves to a surprise NL East title. □







US players Webb Simpson, left, Tiger Woods and Patrick Reed, right, attend the press conference of the losing team after Europe won the 2018 Ryder Cup golf tournament at Le Golf National in Saint Quentin-en-Yvelines, outside Paris, France, Sunday, Sept. 30, 2018.

Associated Press

## Report: Patrick Reed vents over Spieth, Furyk in Ryder Cup

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Patrick Reed blames Jordan Spieth for them not playing together at the Ryder Cup and told The New York Times that U.S. captain Jim Furyk was not smart to sit him out twice.

Europe won the Ryder Cup 17½-10½ at Le Golf National outside Paris. Europe now has won nine of the last 12 times, and it was the third time in its last five victories that it won by seven points or more.

Spieth and Justin Thomas went 3-1, the only American tandem to play all four matches. Reed was paired with Tiger Woods in fourballs, losing both matches, and sitting out both foursomes matches. In an interview with the Times an hour after the closing news conference, Reed said he was fully expecting Furyk to pair him with Spieth again.

"The issue's obviously with Jordan not wanting to play with me," Reed said. "I don't have any issue with Jordan. When it comes right down to it, I don't care if I like the person I'm paired with or if the person likes me as long as it works and it sets up the team for success. He and I know how to make each other better. We know how to get the job done."

They were 4-1-2 in the previous two Ryder Cups and

not had any other partners. On Monday, Spieth was in Bosnia to see his brother, who is playing basketball in a European league. Furyk was traveling. Thomas was a Ryder Cup rookie who has known Spieth since they were 14, a friendship that coincidentally took root in France when they played for the U.S. in the Evian Junior Masters.

Spieth and Reed were asked at the end of the U.S. press conference Sunday night if they were surprised they didn't play together. Both looked at each other to see who would respond before Spieth spoke first. "We were totally involved with every decision that was made," Spieth said. "We had two potentially fantastic teams (Spieth-Thomas and Woods-Reed) and we went out confidently and tried to play our best." Furyk said it was his call to put Spieth and Thomas together. The news conference ended before Reed had a chance to answer. He told the Times in the interview an hour later that he was looking at Spieth "like I was about to light the room up like Phil in '14.'" "For somebody as successful in the Ryder Cup as I am, I don't think it's smart to sit me twice," Reed said. □



In this May 21, 2016, file photo, WNBA President Lisa Borders smiles as she speaks to reporters before a WNBA basketball game between the San Antonio Stars and the Dallas Wings in Arlington, Texas.

## WNBA President Lisa Borders is latest executive to leave

By **DOUG FEINBERG**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Lisa Borders stepped down as WNBA president on Tuesday, the third executive to leave the league in six months.

She will become the first president and CEO of Time's Up — an organization dedicated to safe, fair and dignified work for women.

NBA Deputy Commissioner Mark Tatum will oversee the WNBA on an interim basis while a search begins for a successor. Borders ran the league for three seasons, joining in 2016 as its fourth president. She will stay until Nov. 1.

The WNBA is coming off a season in which it had its highest TV ratings in four years and begins its 23rd season next year.

But her departure follows that of Jay Parry, the WNBA's chief operating officer who left in April, and Ann Rodriguez, the senior vice president of league operations who left last month.

"The sky is absolutely not falling," Borders told The Associated Press by phone. "It's a natural evolution in any business. In young businesses you have talent

coming and going on a regular basis. What I would say from my leaving is this is an extraordinary opportunity. I think this is an opportunity for the next leader to come in and take the baton and continue the work we have started here."

Under Borders, the playoff format changed — the top two teams now meet for the championship instead of a title game between conference champions. She also helped the San Antonio Stars move to Las Vegas, with their sale to MGM Resorts International. She was instrumental in the WNBA growing in areas such as live streaming of games on Twitter and the availability of one-day daily fantasy. The league also appeared in a video game for the first time — NBA Live 18. NBA Commissioner Adam Silver lauded Borders for her "leadership and tireless commitment."

"This is a natural transition for Lisa knowing what a champion she is for issues involving women's empowerment and social justice," Silver said in a statement. "And fortunately for us, she leaves the league with strong tail winds propelling

it forward."

Labor issues, however, are on the horizon, with the players' union potentially opting out of the collective bargaining agreement next month. The New York Liberty remain up for sale, nearly a year after James Dolan said he no longer wants to own the team.

"The W is deep in my heart and will always be there," Borders said. "I was a fan when I came here, a fan now and always will be a fan of the W. Just because I'll be in another role doesn't mean you won't see me in the arena sitting right in the front row watching our players play in different arenas across the country." Borders says it was fully her decision to leave, adding she was approached this summer by a former colleague now with Time's Up. The nonprofit organization also fights workplace sexual misconduct and provides a legal defense fund for women.

"She put my hat in the ring, so to speak," Borders said. "This movement is for all women, not just women in sports, tech, finance or health care. All women across the globe." □





**By: Dr Carlos Viana**

Water is a premium for us who live in Aruba. With no fresh water aquifer we need to desalinate ocean water for our fresh water. To add to the challenges of growing a tropical garden rain falls on our semi-arid island all at once; never giving our parched soil time to absorb moisture. Rain drains to the ocean through arroyos, dry gulches that are wet only after heavy rain. As a partial solution the government maintains rain-fall dams built across an arroyo in order to create a reservoir from which we may pump water for our desiccated gardens.

Phyllis and I enjoy drives through the Aruban countryside or "cunucu." Driving by a dam in the blazing sun is a pleasant scene. Many times we look at the birds taking advantage of this endowment and wonder why the water in this heat does not boil away. Looking at the dam and the arroyo that feeds it my thoughts turn to the many patients that have problems with their body's dam, the urinary bladder.

The urinary system is sterile and bacteria-free and should provide no problems for the urinary bladder. Unfortunately, urinary tract infections (UTI) are a common health problem affecting millions of people each year. Regular allopathic medicine believes that UTI occurs when bacteria invade the urinary system and multiply. Doctors classify three types of urinary tract

infections: urethritis, which is an infection of the urethra; cystitis, which is an infection of the bladder; and pyelonephritis, which is infection of the kidney. An infection that moves into the kidneys can become life threatening.

Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) has been treating UTI successfully for a long time. The Yellow Emperor's Classic of Medicine, written 2300 years ago, explored effective treatments using acupuncture and herbal treatments that we still use today.

The urinary tract is comprised of the two kidneys, the ureters, and the tubes that connect the kidneys to the bladder, the dam reservoir, the bladder, and the urethra, the arroyo or channel that carries urine from the bladder out of the body. In TCM this system called the Lower Burner is responsible for separating "clean" body fluids from "dirty" fluids, and facilitates the excretion of urine from the body.

Based on Pasteur's work, allopathic medicine claims that bacteria, virus, and fungus are the cause of urinary tract infections. The main weapons in conventional medicine's arsenal are antibiotics to kill bacteria, and other symptom-relieving drugs for pain. They believe that because the urethra is shorter in women, bacteria can enter the urinary system easier than in men, and up to 50% of all women will experience at least one UTI in their lifetime. Why these pathogens cause problems is not addressed.

Of people that have bladder infections, approximately 80% will see reoccurrences; so much for the medications designed to provide relief. Women are more likely to have bladder infections, and the risk of an infection increases with age, use of a catheter, and in people with diabetes.

People who develop a UTI will feel a sense of pain on urination, either in the bladder itself or in the urethra, where the urine comes out. The pain is often burning. You may also notice that you have to urinate frequently, and that, once the urge hits, you have to make a dash for the bathroom. If your infection is severe, you may notice some blood in your urine or feel pain in the mid back, over the kidneys.

In our clinic we diagnose Damp Heat in the body, and Spleen and Kidney Deficiency. Traditional Chinese medicine, which has been evolving for several thousand years, does not have a "germ theory" of disease. However, diagnosis and treatment are based on careful observation and time-tested approaches to disease

and injury. Symptoms are grouped into patterns and then typically treated with acupuncture and herbal formulas, as well as dietary modifications and other lifestyle recommendations.

Damp Heat accumulation can be due to the consumption of hot spicy foods, meals high in fats and sweets, alcohol consumption, certain medications, and improper personal hygiene. Spleen and Kidney Deficiency develops in chronic illness, aging, pregnancy, menopause, and emotional stress. I use acupuncture to ease the back and abdomen pain and to allow the damp heat prevalent during hurricane season, the opportunity to run off. Acupuncture and natural herbs will support your spleen and kidney energy.

These TCM patterns of bladder problems make your urine "boil" so make sure you drink as much water as you possibly can during an acute bladder infection and whenever you have any infection, cut out sweets and simple carbohydrates. Avoid caffeine and nicotine, which irritate the bladder. Vitamin C can also be helpful. The best remedy we have found is an all-natural sugar compound, D- mannose occurs naturally in peaches, apples, and berries, especially cranberries. You may have heard that cranberry juice can be a remedy for UTI. We recommend you use only unsweetened 100% pure cranberry juice as processed juice has too much sugar in it to be helpful.

Get The Point! Most doctors think that antibiotics are the only solution to bladder infections, but this is not true. In the majority of cases, acupuncture treatments, healthy diet, homeopathic remedies and herbs, along with some common-sense lifestyle suggestions can take care of bladder infections quickly and without side effects, such as the yeast infections which will result from antibiotics. Tired of taking the same drugs without results? Make an appointment for a natural alternative to your boiling dam.

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# Amazon ups hourly wage to \$15, will advocate for higher pay

BY JOSEPH PISANI  
MICHELLE CHAPMAN

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Amazon is boosting its minimum wage for all U.S. workers to \$15 per hour starting next month and said it will push for an increase in the federally mandated minimum wage, which now stands at \$7.25 per hour.

The company, whose value topped \$1 trillion briefly in September, was facing political and economic pressure to raise pay for thousands of employees.

"We listened to our critics, thought hard about what we wanted to do, and decided we want to lead," said Jeff Bezos, Amazon's founder and CEO.

The wage hike also comes at a time Amazon needs to hire holiday workers amid the tightest job market in nearly two decades, making it more difficult to lure workers who have a lot more job choices than just a year ago. Amazon said it plans to hire more than 100,000 holiday workers, who will pack and ship boxes in its more than 100 warehouses around the country. "We have seen a labor market that is becoming better and better for job seekers, and harder and harder for employers," said Martha Gimbel, director of economic research and job site Indeed.

Amazon said Tuesday that the raise will benefit more than 350,000 workers, which includes full-time, part-time, temporary and seasonal positions. Employees at Whole Foods, the upscale grocery chain Amazon owns, will get the same pay hike. Some hourly Amazon employees who already make \$15 per hour will also see a wage increase, the Seattle company said.

Amazon has faced criticism from labor rights groups and others over pay and work-



In this July 27, 2018 file photo, the logo for Amazon is displayed on a screen at the Nasdaq MarketSite in New York.

ing conditions at its warehouses. One of its harshest critics is U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders. His Twitter account, which has nearly 9 million followers, frequently points out the disparity between Amazon's median employee pay and Bezos' vast fortune.

Sanders congratulated Bezos Tuesday for "doing exactly the right thing," and urged other companies to do the same.

Despite its domination, Amazon shares one potential hurdle that is growing higher for almost all employers big and small: a tightening labor market. The unemployment rate is 3.9 percent, near an 18-year low. The most recent statistics from the U.S. Labor Department showed that in August, the pace of hiring rose again and wages grew at their fastest pace in nine years.

Average hourly pay jumped 0.4 percent in August and increased 2.9 percent compared with a year earlier. That's the fastest annual gain since the Great Recession ended. There

are now more available jobs than unemployed people, the first time that has happened in the 18 years that data on open jobs has been tracked.

As competition among companies for qualified workers grows more intense, they are increasingly willing to pay more wages. Raising starting wages isn't just good publicity for Amazon and other major retailers. It helps them save money that would be lost as trained workers leave for higher pay elsewhere.

Both Walmart and Target say their businesses have benefited from their moves to raise wages. Walmart has seen lower turnover among its employees and has said that its higher pay helped improve customer experience in the stores. Walmart is currently the largest private employer in the nation, with a workforce topping 1.5 million employees.

Target said that it has seen a better pool of applicants after its moves to hike hourly pay.

Target's CEO Brian Cornell

recently said that the number of job applicants rose by 60 percent in the days after Target increased its minimum wage by \$2 to \$11 per hour last year. This past spring, it raised its starting hourly pay for its workers to \$12. Target said last September that it planned to raise hourly pay to \$15 by 2020. With Tuesday's move, Amazon has done that already.

Pay for warehouse workers at Amazon can vary by location. It was offering at least \$12.25 an hour in Omaha, Nebraska, \$13 in Baltimore and \$16.50 in New York, according to recent job postings. The median pay for an Amazon employee last year was \$28,446 worldwide, according to government filings, which includes full-time, part-time and temporary workers.

In two decades the company expanded far beyond its bookseller beginnings, combining its world-span-

ning retail operation with less flashy but very profitable advertising and cloud computing businesses. Last month it became the second publicly traded company to be worth \$1 trillion, hot on the heels of Apple. But corporate profits in the U.S. are booming, and that wealth isn't being spread out nearly fast enough for many. Amazon earned \$2.53 billion in just the second quarter alone.

On Tuesday, fast food workers in Michigan are going to kick off a series of protests in the Midwest and elsewhere around the country in support of unions and a \$15 minimum wage.

Neil Saunders, managing director of GlobalData Retail, said Tuesday that while Amazon's wage hike is a politically savvy move, it's also a change made out of economic necessity. With a healthy U.S. economy, Americans looking for work have an increasing number of job options, so Amazon has to find ways to entice people to join its company.

Amazon is also increasing wages in some areas outside the U.S. The company announced that the minimum wage will be 10.50 pounds an hour in London and 9.50 pounds in other parts of the UK. The increases will include 17,000 Amazon employees as well as 20,000 seasonal workers.

Amazon.com shares were little changed Tuesday, but they have been among the best performers in the S&P 500 this year, with a gain of about 70 percent, compared with a gain of 9 percent for the S&P.

The company is the second-most valuable in the index after Apple Inc. □



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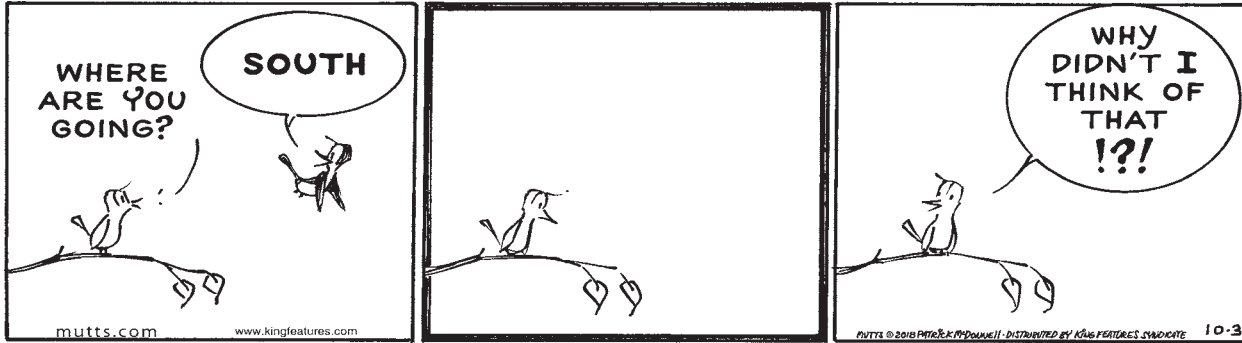



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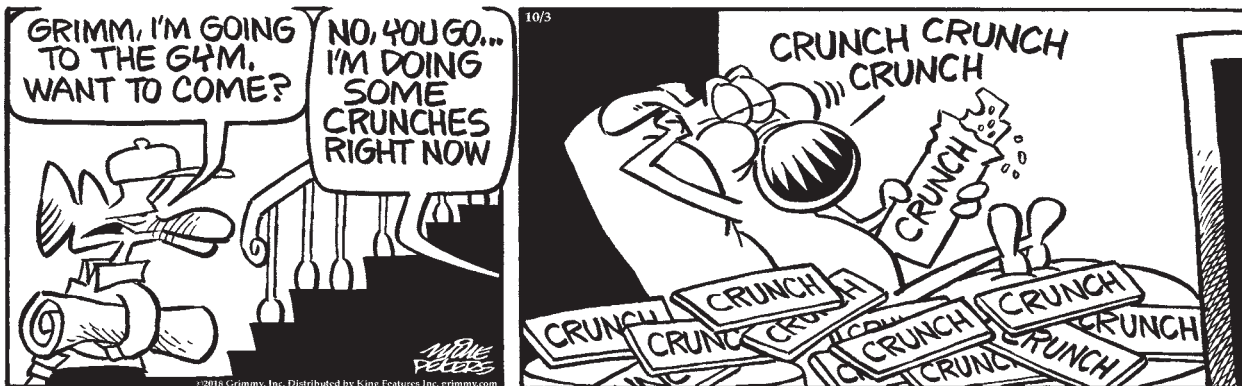
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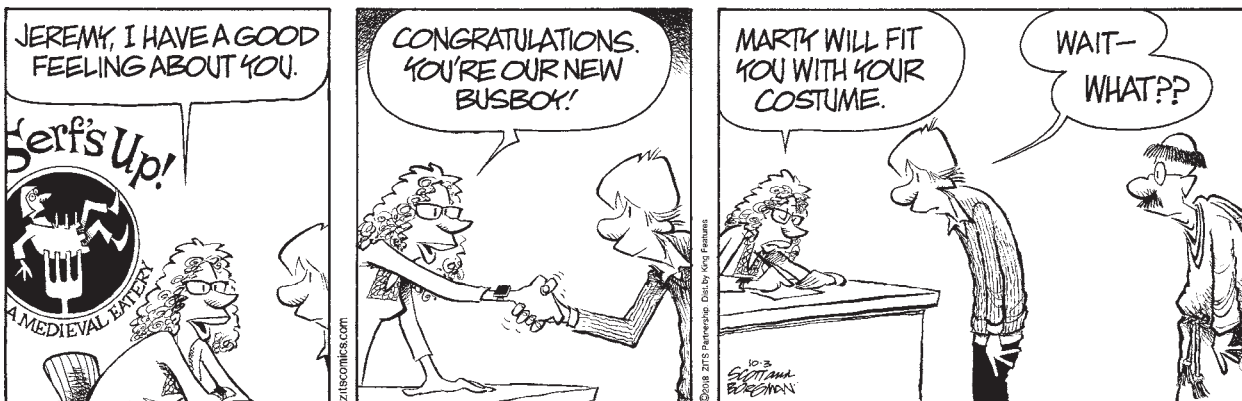
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## Zits



## Conceptis Sudoku

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Difficulty Level ★★

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

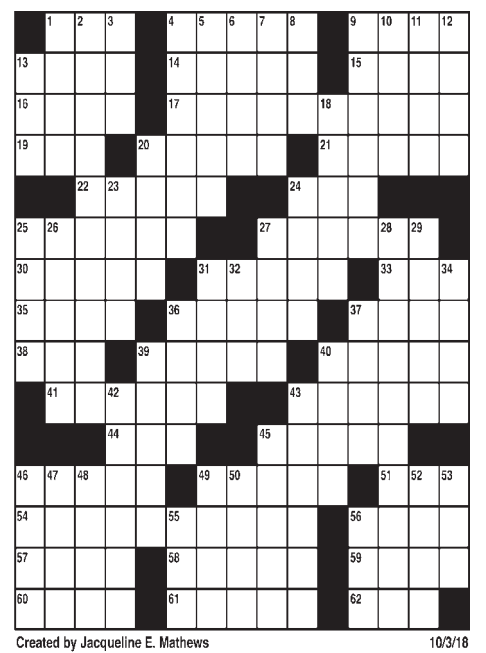
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1	4	3	8	5	9	6	7	2
8	2	9	3	7	6	5	1	4
9	5	7	4	1	2	3	8	6
2	6	4	5	8	3	1	9	7
3	1	8	6	9	7	2	4	5

### ACROSS

- 1 —together; meeting
- 4 Grand home
- 9 Male animal
- 13 Finished
- 14 Worship
- 15 Ray of \_\_\_; tiny sign that things may improve
- 16 Craving
- 17 Scandinavian capital
- 19 Missed \_\_\_ mile; wasn't even close
- 20 Exposes
- 21 Went skyward
- 22 —up; big person
- 24 Baby goat
- 25 Spirited horses
- 27 Against
- 30 Homey
- 31 Like melted marshmallows
- 33 "\_\_\_ so fast!"; words to the hasty
- 35 Matures
- 36 Inch along
- 37 Skin mark
- 38 Fellow
- 39 Longfellow & Kilmer
- 40 Item in the trunk
- 41 Like the sky on a clear night
- 43 Few and far between
- 44 Can top
- 45 Terre \_\_, IN
- 46 San Antonio tourist stop
- 49 \_\_\_ foolishly; squander
- 51 \_\_\_ double take; look twice
- 54 Unable to tell green from red
- 56 Flying saucers, for short
- 57 Throw
- 58 Small weight
- 59 Soft drinks
- 60 Blemish
- 61 1 of 7 deadly sins
- 62 Men with namesakes: abbr.

### DOWN

- 1 Bloody, like a horror film
- 2 Betrothal
- 3 Golf ball support
- 4 Large parrots
- 5 Decorate
- 6 Slangy refusal
- 7 Raw minerals
- 8 Cartoon pooch
- 9 Bits of broken glass
- 10 African nation
- 11 Jungle beasts
- 12 Wilder, for one
- 13 Give a nickname to
- 18 Unlike a bald head
- 20 Corpse
- 23 NFL officials
- 24 \_\_\_ over; faint
- 25 Pyramid scheme
- 26 Robes for Caesar
- 27 Solemn promises
- 28 Neglected
- 29 Flies high
- 31 Western writer
- 32 Cereal grain
- 34 Sequoia or spruce
- 36 Drape puller



Created by Jacqueline E. Mathews

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### Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

TEAS	AWFUL	SLAM
YANK	LOOSE	LOSE
PREY	IRRATIONAL	
ESS	BEST	SPENT
TAUNT	MAE	
APHIDS	BEASTS	
REELS	FRANC	RPM
MATS	DREAD	TILE
SKI	BEEPS	THAIS
SCORED	AGENTS	
POD	SLING	
INDIA	GOLF	UNO
ROUNDABOUT	PLEA	
KNEE	HEATH	EAST
SOLD	ATTHE	ARTS

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- 37 Quarrel
- 39 Previous criminal conviction
- 40 Potato
- 42 Just about
- 43 Smoothed wood
- 45 Therefore
- 46 \_\_\_ up; misbehaves
- 47 Noose
- 48 In addition
- 49 Disparaging remark
- 50 Yearn
- 52 Klutz's word
- 53 Burro
- 55 Swamp
- 56 FedEx rival





In this photo taken Thursday, Sept. 13, 2018, a Pickersgill's reed frog during a captive breeding period at the Johannesburg Zoo. Associated Press

## In South Africa, endangered frogs get another chance

**Associated Press**  
**JOHANNESBURG (AP)** — Conservationists are monitoring some 200 endangered frogs that were released along South Africa's coastline after a captive-breeding program at the Johannesburg Zoo. The release last month of the Pickersgill's reed frogs happened in KwaZulu-Natal province, where the species' wetland habitat along the Indian Ocean coast has come under severe pressure from human development. The Endangered Wild-

life Trust, a South African group, will follow the progress of the frogs, which were transported in plastic jars by road to their new homes near the city of Durban. The Pickersgill's reed frog is about 2.5-3 centimeters (1-1.2 inches) long. The males are smaller than the females. The species was among those earmarked for help after a fungus killed many amphibian populations around the world in the early 2000s. □



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# Scrawny dwarf planet, named Goblin, found well beyond Pluto



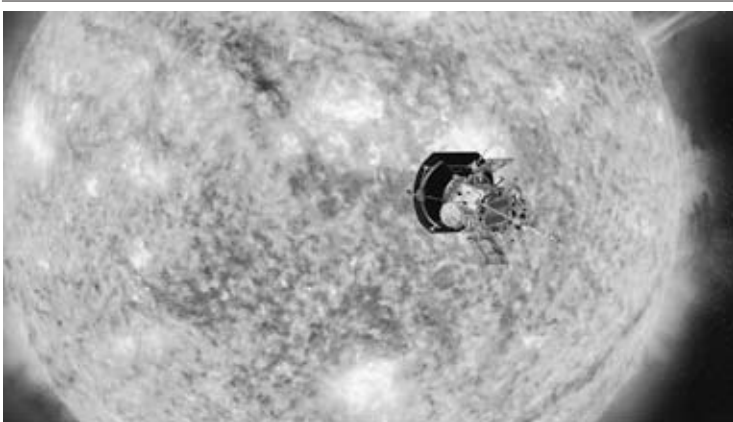
**By MARCIA DUNN**  
AP Aerospace Writer  
CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — A scrawny dwarf planet nicknamed the Goblin has been discovered well beyond Pluto. A round frozen world just 186 miles (300 kilometers) across, the Goblin was spotted by astronomers in 2015 around Halloween, thus its spooky name. But it wasn't publicly unveiled until Tuesday following further observations with ground

telescopes. Scott Sheppard of the Carnegie Institution for Science, one of the astronomers who made the discovery, said the Goblin is on the small end for a dwarf planet. It is officially known as 2015 TG387 by the International Astronomical Union's Minor Planet Center. This is the third dwarf planet recently found to be orbiting on the frigid fringes of our solar system.

Goblin's orbit is extremely elongated — so stretched out, in fact, that it takes 40,000 years for it to circle the sun. At its most distant, the Goblin is 2,300 times farther from the sun than Earth. That's 2,300 astronomical units, or AU. One AU is the distance from Earth to the sun, or roughly 93 million miles (150 million kilometers). At its closest, the Goblin is 65 times farther from the sun than Earth, or 65 AU.

Pluto, by comparison, is approximately between 30 and 50 AU. Sheppard, along with Northern Arizona University's Chad Trujillo and the University of Hawaii's David Tholen, spotted the Goblin in October 2015 when it was relatively nearby — around 80 AU. The two other dwarf planets are Sedna, discovered in 2003, which is about 620 miles (1,000 kilometers) across, and 2012 VP113,

about 310 miles (500 kilometers). They were found by some of the same astronomers. Thousands — even a million — more such objects could be way out there orbiting in the so-called Inner Oort Cloud, according to the researchers. They're in hot pursuit of them, as well as a potentially bigger-than-Earth planet known as Planet 9, or Planet X, believed by some scientists to be orbiting at a distance of hundreds of AU. "These objects are on elongated orbits, and we can only detect them when they are closest to the Sun. For some 99 percent of their orbits, they are too distant and thus too faint for us to observe them. We are only seeing the tip of the iceberg," Sheppard said in an email. Sheppard said the faraway objects are "like breadcrumbs leading us to Planet X." "The more of them we can find, the better we can understand the outer solar system and the possible planet that we think is shaping their orbits — a discovery that would redefine our knowledge of the solar system's evolution," he said in a statement. □



This illustration from NASA shows the Parker Solar Probe spacecraft approaching the sun.

Associated Press

## NASA's Parker Solar Probe swinging by Venus on way to sun

**By MARCIA DUNN**  
AP Aerospace Writer  
CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — NASA's Parker Solar Probe is swinging by Venus on its unprecedented journey to the sun. Launched in August, the spacecraft gets a gravity assist Wednesday as it passes within 1,500 miles

(2,400 kilometers) of Venus. The flyby is the first of seven that will draw Parker ever closer to the sun. By the end of October, Parker will shatter the current record for close solar encounters, set by a NASA spacecraft in 1976 from 27 million miles (43 million kilometers) out. Parker will get

within 15 million miles (25 million kilometers) of the sun's surface in November. Twenty-four such orbits — dipping into the sun's upper atmosphere, or corona — are planned over the next seven years. The gap will eventually shrink to 3.8 million miles (6 million kilometers). □

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# Award-winning 'Dear Evan Hansen' musical spreads its wings

By MARK KENNEDY

**NEW YORK (AP)** — The stage musical "Dear Evan Hansen" is about a lonely young man desperate to be liked. Mission accomplished, we'd say.

In addition to selling out each night on Broadway, the show is launching a 50-city national tour from Denver. The first international production is slated for Toronto next year and another will bow in London. A new song collection and a 390-page novel based on the story are coming out this fall. Never has a misfit been this popular.

"Getting this opportunity to spread the story in different mediums and in different ways is really, really thrilling," says Benj Pasek, who wrote the music with Justin Paul. "It is about just getting the story in front of as many people as possible in hopes that it does make a difference or it starts a conversation."

"Dear Evan Hansen" is a heartbreaker of a musical that centers on an awkward teenager raised by a single mom who inadvertently becomes a social media sensation, with disastrous consequences. It captures the strains between children and their parents, as well as exploring suicide, alienation and peer pressure.

"The central paradox is why do people feel so alone in a world that's so connected?" says playwright Steven Levenson, who won a Tony for writing the story. "It's a story that is very much about the world we live in today. But it's also, hopefully, at its heart, it's also a pretty simple story of these parents and children who are struggling to find one another."

The show won six Tony Awards, and the cast album entered the Billboard 200 chart at No. 8 — the highest-charting debut position for an original cast album since 1961 — and went on to win the 2018 Grammy Award for best musical theater album. (One remixed song from the album hit No. 1 on the Dance Club Songs chart.)



In this undated photo provided by Dear Evan Hansen, the national touring cast of "Dear Evan Hansen" performs.

Associated Press

The original cast also won a Daytime Emmy Award.

The show's creators hope its message of acceptance, honesty and love can resonate far from its 984-seat Broadway home, where the average ticket price is \$179. That's why the various tours with cheaper tickets and the \$11.99 novel come in.

"It's a great new way to experience the story, and it doesn't replace the other way to experience the story," said Paul. "It's sort of they all are part of the 'Dear Evan Hansen' world, which is great."

Another way the show is spreading its message far and wide is a deluxe cast album in October, which will offer songs cut from the show, new recordings of existing songs by the show's current and touring cast members, cover versions and original demos.

It's part of a mini-industry fed by fans who have embraced it like "Hamilton." Pasek and Paul said many of the show's complex themes might seem like unlikely fodder for a big Broadway show. But they credited musicals such as "Next to Normal," "Fun Home" and "Rent" with paving the way.

"Those were shows that we looked to a lot and leaned on a lot in the moments where we were like, 'What are we writing about? This shouldn't be a musical.' So that was a comfort," Paul said.

Michael Greif, the Tony-

nominated director of "Next to Normal" and "Rent," also helmed "Dear Evan Hansen" and argues that audiences are thirsty for complex, flawed characters.

"They want to be able to see their story and the world they live in being reflected in surprising and authentic ways. And I think that this piece really, really, really does that," he said. "The characters are written with such specificity and such complexity that

everyone gets to see themselves and all the mistakes they've made."

Pasek and Paul haven't slowed down much since writing the songs for "Dear Evan Hansen." They won an Oscar for "La La Land" and a Golden Globe for the song "This Is Me" from the film "The Greatest Showman." They recently came agonizingly close to achieving EGOT status, but lost their Emmy bid for writing a new song for the live

TV version of their "A Christmas Story."

These days they're hard at work on an upcoming live-action film adaptation of "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" and writing new songs for Disney's 2019 live-action film adaptation of "Aladdin."

The pair have ridden — and helped shape — the recent wave of interest in musical theater, fed by shows like "Glee," "High School Musical" and "Hamilton." They're not surprised to find that young people taking to the streets these days to discuss everything from gun violence to #MeToo have a theater background.

"I think theater demands empathy," Pasek said. "I think so many of the kids who run away to the circus of theater and who have felt like they aren't cool or they've been marginalized or whatever, they find this community of the other broken toys and then there's this real sense of wanting to stand up for the other underdogs that exist in the world, the other misfits, the other weirdos." □

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# For Gaga, Cooper, cast, 'A Star Is Born' hits close to home

By JAKE COYLE

Associated Press

**TORONTO (AP)** — When Bradley Cooper saw Lady Gaga perform "La Vie en Rose" at a fundraiser at the home of entrepreneur Sean Parker, it wasn't one of the important moments along the road to making "A Star Is Born." It was, Cooper says, THE moment.

"She demolished the room," he recalls, still wide-eyed about it. "I knew that was plutonium."

The next day, Cooper went to Gaga's home in Malibu to confirm that what he had seen the night before was real. He arrived hungry. Gaga — whose friends call her by her real name, Stefani — fed him some leftover spaghetti, and the two East Coast, Italian American-raised performers (Cooper is from Philadelphia, Gaga New York) felt an immediate, natural connection. "Instantly," says Gaga. "When I saw his eyes, when I opened the door." Within minutes, they were singing by Gaga's piano and "A Star Is Born" was, well, born.



This image released by Warner Bros. shows Bradley Cooper, left, and Lady Gaga in a scene from the latest reboot of the film, "A Star Is Born."

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"And when I heard him sing! My God! I stopped playing the piano and I was like, 'Bradley you can sing!'" said Gaga, sitting next to her co-star and director. "And he was like, 'Really?' And then he said, 'Let's film it.' He started filming it on his phone." Cooper shakes his head. "It

was nuts." It can be hard to separate the already mythologized transformations — Cooper directs! Gaga acts! — that fueled "A Star Is Born" from the fictional fable of fame, itself. In both the movie's creation and in the finished product are lessons of bold chances and artistic integrity, of personal frailty and popular success. "A Star Is Born" is a movie mirrored by its making.

"A Star Is Born" is the fourth version of the story (or fifth, depending on how you count). First was George Cukor's "What Price Hollywood?" in 1932, followed by William Wellman's 1937 remake. Later came one with Judy Garland and James Mason in 1954 and one in 1973 with Barbra Streisand and Kris Kristofferson.

A new "A Star Is Born" has been in development for about two decades at Warner Bros., with various incarnations once planned around Will Smith and Whitney Houston, or Beyonce and Leonardo DiCaprio with Clint Eastwood directing. Cooper, who starred in Eastwood's "American Sniper," first discussed acting in the film for Eastwood before deciding to direct, too. For encouragement, Eastwood visited the set on the first day of shooting.

"I remember he said he

liked my boots," says Gaga. "I turned bright red."

Cooper, though, put his own imprint on "A Star Is Born," retailoring the story and — he hopes — launching himself as a writer and director. With meticulous preparation, Cooper — ever the student — threw himself into the new role. Often, he could be found under a table in a scene with a monitor so as to be as close as possible to the actors. "He was tireless," says Sam Elliott, who plays Cooper's brother in the film. "He never quit on it, from beginning to end. It probably drove the studio nuts at some point that he wouldn't quit on it."

"Being 39 when I started this journey, I just realize: Time is the biggest currency. If I don't do what I keep feeling inside, constantly seeing shots in my head," Cooper says, trailing off. "I always knew that at some point I had to stop critiquing other movies and just make one."

Cooper stars as Jackson Maine, a hard-drinking, country-rock 'n' roll star in the vein of Gregg Allman. (Maine's band is played by Lukas Nelson & Promise of the Real, Neil Young's regular backing band.) When Jackson ducks into a drag bar for a drink, he's blown away by Ally (Gaga), who's there singing — what else

— "La Vie en Rose."

A naturally talented singer who has essentially given up on her music dreams, Ally has always been told her look (and her nose) isn't quite right. She and Jackson quickly fall in love, even as Jackson's drinking problem worsens, but not before they can together forge something honest and beautiful through music, catapulting Ally to stardom.

"When I'm watching it back, I see myself as a much younger girl, more like when I was 15 writing songs at the piano," says Gaga. "What Jackson is trying to teach her is something that I still want to give more of in my music now and in the future. It's the nakedness of talent."

A rare fervor has greeted Cooper's "A Star Is Born." Its trailer has been watched more than 10 million times, many of them repeat, misty-eyed views. And if there's one thing that accounts for its swoon-inducing power it's this self-empowering message of fame coming to those who are true to themselves.

It's something that resonates for many in the cast, too, like Anthony Ramos, who plays Ally's best friend. The 26-year-old actor, who grew up in the projects of Bushwick, Brooklyn, caught his big break when Lin-Manuel Miranda cast him in "Hamilton." "I've had teachers tell me, 'You have to be this or you have to be that to be successful. You have to change the way you speak. You have to grow your hair out.' I've had people tell me all kinds of things to give me the formula for success," says Ramos. "But what I realize, which you find by the end of this movie, all you gotta do is love yourself and believe in yourself, and continue to be your truest self." For even the 74-year-old veteran actor Elliott, "A Star Is Born" has been cause for reflection on his own path. For decades, Elliott, with his sonorous drawl and trademark mustache, has been resolutely himself, in any role. □

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# The sea, the sea: Chanel creates beach to cap Paris season

By THOMAS ADAMSON

**PARIS (AP)** — An autumnal chill is in the air in Paris, but Karl Lagerfeld managed to spirit the Paris Fashion Week crowd away to an idyllic beachscape on Tuesday, the last day of the ready-to-wear shows.

With a click of his gloved fingers, Chanel's eccentric couturier transformed the inside of the Grand Palais into a sunny Saint Tropez beach for his celebrity-filled spring-summer runway display.

A real sandy beach and wooden huts awaited surprised guests, as water lapped a shore in frothy waves.

Here are some highlights:  
**CELEBRITY ISLAND**

At Chanel's show, Pharrell Williams laughed as he pulled his wife Helen Lasichanh across the life-size beach to their seats, while model Ines de la Fressange exclaimed: "Shall we go for a swim?" as she wandered amid the scene.

For the 15-minute show, Chanel whisked fashion insiders far away from the bustle of the nearby



A model wears a creation for Chanel Spring/Summer 2019 ready-to-wear fashion collection in Paris, Tuesday, Oct. 2, 2018.

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Champs-Elysees. Slack-jawed VIP guests, fatigued from days of back-to-back runway displays, marveled at the real expanse of water and masses of golden sand inside the lofty venue. The water touched an immense trompe l'oeil photo backdrop of a sea-view,

complete with distant mountains and clouds speckling the sky.

A tropical hut led to a wooden walkway from which Lagerfeld, 85, waved.

Model Brad Kroenig sat in a tall lifeguard hut placed among the seated guests

— though the only "danger" at the scene was perhaps a bustling scrum that surrounded Pamela Anderson. She posed for cameras in a soft white Chanel coat, pearl encrusted skirt and shades as the water lapped at her heels.

The 51-year-old former

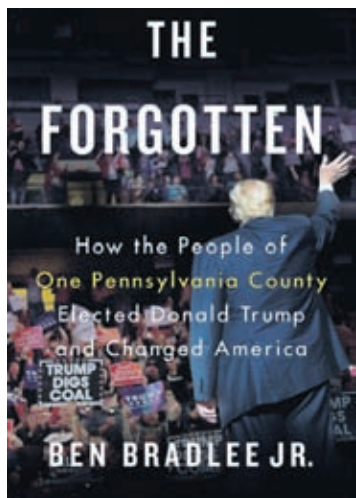
"Baywatch" star — who's participating in the French version of "Dancing with the Stars" — acknowledged being somewhat surprised at being invited to the chicest of the Paris Fashion Week displays.

"I was wondering: Why is Karl looking for me? Why does he want me at the show?" she asked playfully looking after around. "And now I realize, OK, OK. We're at the beach."

She said "I need more" Chanel bathing suits.

CHANEL'S READY-TO-WEAR Barefoot models, some wearing straw black-ribbon hats, held their heels and waterproof sandals in their hands as they paraded 82 outfits across the sandy runway. Instead of bathing suits, the models wore the house's signature tweed skirt suits in the soft, pastel colors of the warmer months. This was, after all, Lagerfeld's answer to "Baywatch" — even at the sweltering beach, the fashion-conscious Chanel aficionado should never let the style guard down. □

# 'The Forgotten' eyes evolution of white Trump voters



This cover image released by Little, Brown and Co. shows "The Forgotten: How the People of One Pennsylvania County Elected Donald Trump and Changed America," by Ben Bradlee Jr.

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By RUSSELL CONTRERAS

"The Forgotten: How the People of One Pennsylvania County Elected Donald Trump and Changed America" (Little, Brown and Co.), by Ben Bradlee Jr.

There have been many books, studies and feature stories on the rise of the alienated white voters who came out in large numbers to elect President Donald Trump in 2016. But letting these voters speak without judgment while also questioning their views about race remains a challenge for reporters.

"The Forgotten: How the People of One Pennsylvania County Elected Donald Trump and Changed America" by Ben Bradlee Jr. trots this delicate dance by examining one key swing county in Pennsylvania — a state Trump surprisingly won.

Using quick but intricate vignettes, Bradlee allows a hair salon owner, a Vietnam War veteran, a retired detective, a flashy real estate investor, even a white nationalist from Luzerne County talk through their

evolution to Trump amid fear, anger, anxiety and hopeless. Almost all are former Democrats who came from union families connected to the shuttered coal mines or now-closed factories.

Bradlee writes that he chose the northeastern Pennsylvania county that sits between Philadelphia and New York City because it was once a reliable Democratic stronghold that twice went for Barack Obama. In 2016, Trump won the county by nearly 20 percentage points.

Trump's reference to his supporters as the "forgotten people" wasn't an homage to George I. Sanchez's 1940 book, "Forgotten People," about poor Hispanics in New Mexico. It was specifically an allusion to whites living to economically struggling communities — like Luzerne County — that

both parties appeared to ignore, Bradlee writes.

The vignettes allow voters to speak for themselves and explain why Trump's views on trade and immigration resonated. "I used to be the most liberal person you could imagine," hair salon owner Donna Kowalczyk, 60, told Bradlee, a former Boston Globe editor. "Then you're exposed to unsavory people. ... These people come in from out of town ... getting all kinds of benefits I never got."

Some of those unsavory people described by those interviewed, Bradlee writes, turned out to be Hispanic immigrants who transformed Hazleton, the county's second largest city, to a minority-majority city almost overnight.

Bradlee allows residents to speak and explain their reality without judgment, but is quick to point out

how statements once considered racist have been turned into complaints centering on white victimization. "The new arrivals sparked not just a yearning for a whiter yesterday, but an inclination — implicitly encouraged by Trump — to make clear that they preferred to be among their own race and social group." Bradlee has shown sensitivity in writing about race in previous work. For example, in his 2013 biography of Ted Williams, "The Kid," Bradlee detailed how the late Boston Red Sox slugger shunned his Mexican-American family and concealed his ethnic background for decades.

With "The Forgotten," Bradlee adds to the body of emerging studies about white Trump voters that is sensitive but honest amid a demographically changing, divided nation. □



# Rooms with new views: Hotels try their hand in home-sharing

By DEE-ANN DURBIN

Associated Press

Travelers sometimes want a cookie-cutter room in a downtown hotel, and they sometimes want a cozy Tuscan farmhouse to share with friends.

Hotels have always been good at providing the first one. Now, they're trying to figure out how to provide the second — and blunt the growth of competitors like Airbnb. But they're having mixed success.

Marriott said Tuesday it's expanding its six-month-old home-sharing pilot in London to three additional European cities. On the same day, Hyatt announced it was pulling out of a money-losing collaboration with luxury home-sharing company Oasis.

Analysts say hotels are wise to experiment. Airbnb now has 5 million listings on its site, up 25 percent from a year ago. By comparison, Marriott grew 5 percent last year to 1.3 million rooms. In some markets, like New York and Miami, studies indicate that home-sharing is already eroding hotel profits.

But it's not yet clear how far hotels are willing to expand into home-sharing, which challenges their traditional business models. It costs more to clean homes scattered in various neighborhoods than rooms at a central location, for example.

The barriers are so great that at least one major hotel company — Hilton — is giving home-sharing a pass for now. The company's CEO, Chris Nassetta, says



This Friday, Sept. 28, 2018, photo shows entrance to a flat that will be available for short term rent in London.

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the quality, consistency and amenities that Hilton customers expect are best provided in hotels.

Other hotel companies, like Marriott, say they can bring order and standards to the chaotic home-sharing market. Hotels promise perks they say Airbnb can't match: fully vetted properties, fluffy white towels and popular loyalty programs that let members use points to book homes.

"The lines are beginning to blur, and depending on what kind of trip it is, sometimes a home feels better than a hotel," said Jennifer Hsieh, Marriott's vice president of customer experience.

Marriott began testing home rentals in London in the spring. This week, it's expanding that pilot program — called Tribute Portfolio

Homes — to Paris, Rome and Lisbon. Marriott says the program will now include 340 homes.

Hotels aren't necessarily luring different customers with their home-sharing options. Instead, they're finding that existing customers want more options, says Steve Caron, vice president and head of vacation rentals for Comfort Inn parent Choice Hotels, which has partnered with RedAwning, a company that oversees 20,000 rental properties.

Take Craig Sowerby, an author and freelance travel writer based in Barcelona, Spain. He's a Hyatt loyalty member and usually stays in hotels, but he decided to try an Oasis apartment for a one-month trip to Buenos Aires earlier this summer.

There were some hiccups. He had to pay upfront, months in advance, for the full \$1,745 cost of his stay. He got fresh towels and sheets weekly, but there was no other cleaning. The WiFi didn't work.

On the plus side, he said, he earned credits toward his elite Hyatt status as well as points for future stays. The apartment was also far nicer than the Airbnb he subsequently rented in another part of Argentina. But he thinks it will be a challenge for hotel chains to deliver the same standard of service in shared homes.

"If the hotel chains end up simply offering a 'more expensive Airbnb,' then their potential market will be limited to those of us who are points or elite status obsessed," Sowerby said.

For its part, Hyatt invested \$22 million in Oasis in 2017 but in the second quarter of this year, it wrote off its investment as a loss, saying regulatory hurdles in some cities were limiting Oasis's growth.

On Tuesday, vacation rental management company Vacasa bought Oasis and Hyatt ceased its affiliation, although Vacasa is honoring reservations that Hyatt members already made. In a statement, Hyatt said it recognizes that customer demand for alternative accommodations remains strong, and it may discuss a future tie-up with Vacasa.

Onefinestay — a luxury home rental company bought by AccorHotels in 2016 — offers properties like a three-bedroom villa on Maui for \$975 per night.

But AccorHotels took a similar \$285 million charge in the second quarter, primarily due to losses at Onefinestay. AccorHotels also said it believes home-sharing needs to be part of its portfolio, but the business hasn't grown as planned.

Maggie Rauch, senior director of research at the travel consulting firm Phocuswright, says making home-sharing profitable will be a challenge for hotels.

"Does it make sense for Marriott to build a new Marriott around this flexible shared space? Is a hotel company going to buy a brownstone in Brooklyn?" she said.

For now, Marriott's exposure is limited. It partnered with Hostmaker — a U.K.-based home-sharing management company — which scouts homes and makes sure they meet Marriott's standards. Marriott only takes a cut for homes that are rented through the Tribute site. But Hsieh said home-sharing does have some financial advantages. For example, Marriott has found that home-sharing customers are generally leisure travelers who stay twice as long as typical hotel customers. Hotels can also charge more for entire homes. Tribute offers a three-bedroom home with a full kitchen, three bathrooms and a balcony in London's Kensington neighborhood for \$956 per night plus a \$129 cleaning fee. □



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